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Today:  
P.M. Showers  
High: 64°  
Low: 52°

## New legal fraternity to hold mock LSAT

Phi Alpha Delta to 'assist undergraduate students ... in selecting law as a career'

By MIKE GERRITY  
contributing writer

Next Monday marks the initiation of the first members of JMU's new co-ed legal fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta.

Phi Alpha Delta is the world's oldest and largest professional legal fraternity, said junior Matthew Clark, Phi Alpha Delta president.

"The fundamental objective of PAD's pre-law program is to assist undergraduate students to make an 'informed choice' in selecting law as

a career, deciding which law school to attend and in preparing for the rigors of law school," Clark said. "Phi Alpha Delta remains the only law fraternity — and the only national legal organization of any kind — with a national pre-law program committed to meeting the needs of undergraduate students interested in the law."

According to junior Tiffanie Wilson, PAD secretary, nationally, there are over 200,000 members of PAD. There are 189 law school chapters, over 240 pre-law chapters and 97 alumni chapters.

Junior Daniel Heilberg, social chair, said, "I was surprised when I saw that there wasn't a law fraternity here at JMU ... I'm pretty happy with where we're at right now."

The fraternity will compliment the James Madison Pre-Law Society, to which most of the brothers belong, Clark said.

"Our aim is to help students interested in getting into a good law school," said junior Thalia O'Hearn, treasurer for Phi Alpha Delta. "For example, next semester we will hold a mock LSAT."

The LSATs are a standardized

entrance exam for law schools. Composed mostly of critical thinking questions, the mock exam will be held early on a Saturday morning with a test proctor in the same manner as the real test would be, O'Hearn said. The fraternity also has discussed holding mock trials on campus so that legal skills can be practiced in a professional atmosphere.

"I understand why people wind up scrapping the idea of starting up a new chapter," said O'Hearn. "It's a lot of work, but it will be a huge benefit down the road."

Phi Alpha Delta will be holding rush spring semester for any pre-law students who are interested in meeting others, and whom also are interested in pursuing a career in law.



CAROLYN WALSER/junior photographer

Speaker of the House Krissy Schnebel, a senior, talks with junior Michael Dickie, who proposed a bill to change SGA to a parliamentary system.

## Senate passes FEB reform

By MARIA NOSAL  
SGA reporter

The Student Senate passed a front end budget reform bill that will change the way funds are allocated, which affects the nine current front-end budgeted groups.

The reform also introduced program grants to help non-FEB groups.

"To say that we want to keep things the way they are now is not going to work," said Dave Barnes, SGA advisor. "There have to be some changes made."

"I have a concern about the way that SGA is involved with the oversight of budgets and also doing their own budgets at the same time," he said. "I think it creates the perception of inconsistency and so that's what we worked on and made some changes."

FEB reform was initiated by Student Body President Tom Culligan and Executive Treasurer Gina Maurone, a junior, in conjunction with administrators and SGA advisers, Culligan said earlier this month.

The bill also gives a timeline for FEB discussion and the request for funds by other groups.

"It's up to the finance committee and the rest of Senate to determine that they meet the criteria we give them and they are important enough to get their money on the front end," Maurone said.

A new clause was added to the FEB reform bill, clarifying that FEB groups could offer non-monetary assistance to other groups on campus putting on events.

"I am glad that we had Gina and Tom finally undertake this project because they have always said it's something that's been needed for years now," sophomore senator Matt Hayo said.

A new bill proposing to change the way SGA is run and eliminate the Student Senate — putting a Parliament in its place — was submitted by junior Michael Dickie. It will be debated the first Senate meeting of spring semester.

"Dickie must convincingly prove its benefits to us all," sophomore class president Colin Reynolds said.

Dickie said the changes would make the student government run more efficiently.

"I feel like it is inhibiting our ability to recognize the serious concerns and ideas of our student body," senior class president Bradley Harris said. "It undermines the integrity of our organization, presenting to our constituents that we do nothing better than debate senseless bills."



## BUSTED?



## Virginia cracks down on false identification

By KATHY CHAMBERS  
contributing writer

Using a fake ID might mean more than just a \$100 fine and a 90-day suspension of driving privileges.

It's a crime in this state, and students who use a fake ID to get into a bar or club could face a \$100 fine and a 90-day suspension of driving privileges, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Fake IDs are prevalent in America, according to the FBI, and are a major source of identity theft.

Fake identification is a criminal offense in Virginia, and students who use a fake ID to get into a bar or club could face a \$100 fine and a 90-day suspension of driving privileges.

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## Highlawn suspected of ABC violations

The Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control will investigate Highlawn Pavilion on seven suspected violations of its mixed beverage license and three suspected violations of its beer and wine license.

NCM Enterprises, LLC, the company that operates Highlawn Pavilion, will face a hearing before ABC, but the date has not been set.

Under its wine and beer permit, Highlawn Pavilion is charged with failing to keep "complete, accurate and separate records," and employing "a person who has been convicted of a felony or of any other crime or offense involving moral turpitude," according to ABC.

Highlawn Pavilion faces seven charges under its mixed beverage permit. Among them are Highlawn Pavilion's ability to meet financial requirements under ABC regulations, failing to submit to an annual review and improperly listing owners on alcohol licenses.

Also under investigation is whether the gross receipts from the sale of food and non-alcoholic beverages accounted for less than 45 percent of gross receipts, according to ABC. ABC said Highlawn Pavilion also "failed to submit to [ABC] a complete and accurate annual review report."

If wrongdoing is discovered, disciplinary action against Highlawn Pavilion could include revocation or suspension of alcohol licenses and/or a fine.

— from staff reports

SARAH RABABY/contributing photographer  
Amy Sirocky-Meck (left) of Academic Advising and Career Development coaches junior Leslie Wilson on her resume.

## Senior Week brings professional slant

By AMANDA DECAMP  
contributing writer

Senior Week is usually in the spring, but senior class president Bradley Harris decided to move the week up to Nov. 14 so those graduating in December "would also have the opportunity to

feel united with the class and supported as they head off into the real world."

Senior class treasurer Erin O'Hara said, "We wanted it to be more professionally geared than the Spring Senior Week, so there are a

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## 'Burg, JMU 'antipathy' new to community, author says

By STEPHANIE STRAUSS  
senior writer

Animosity toward JMU students by Harrisonburg residents is a recent phenomena, according to a local author. Town residents blew a fire whistle in celebration of the creation of the school here in 1908, she said.

Author Nancy Bondurant Jones read passages from her new book, "Rooted on Blue Stone Hill: A History of James Madison University," and discussed JMU's history on Tuesday evening at the Massanutten Regional Library.

Jones is not a graduate of JMU, but she is a 36-year resident of the Shenandoah Valley area.

"I know the value of the

"The 'town and gown' connection was very different in 1908."

— Nancy Jones  
author, "Rooted on Blue Stone Hill: A History of James Madison University"

school to the community," she said.

JMU students and faculty bring \$195,000,000 to the Harrisonburg area every year, Jones said. She said that JMU has been critical to the growth of Harrisonburg since its doors opened in 1908.

"These days, there is antagonism and antipathy

[between Harrisonburg residents and JMU students]," Jones said. "The 'town and gown' connection was very different in 1908. People of the town felt like they were an integral part of the school."


When the Virginia legislature first proposed a school to train public school teachers, many communities were interested in the growth the school would bring to their towns, Jones said.

"Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, Winchester and Roanoke all wanted [the school]," Jones said.

On the day the location of the school was announced, Harrisonburg citizens eagerly awaited the news. "The town had a feeling of an Election


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"I'd live in D-hall forever so I never have to stop eating!"

**Christina Mederi**  
SMAD Junior




"Any place that doesn't smell like dog food when it rains."

**Tyler Gray**  
Economics Senior


**campus SPOTLIGHT**

If you could live anywhere in the world for a month where would it be and why?



"The Duke Dog suit, because he gets all the ladies."

**Adam Wilks**  
Marketing/SMAD Senior



"The stacks because I heard people hook up there and I'd like to get in on the action!"

**Ashley Reeves**  
SMAD Junior

**JONATHAN TAYLOR**  
contributing photographer



In the Monday, Jan. 18, 1982 issue of *The Breeze*, Charles Fisher flew through the air in JMU's 54-44 win over the college of William & Mary that past Saturday night.

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## POLICE LOG

BY SHARON SCHIFF/ news intern

### Property Damage

A JMU student reported a broken glass window on the passenger side of a vehicle in R4 Lot between Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 12 p.m. Unknown person(s) spray painted the walls in the women's restroom of Eagle Hall on Nov. 14 at an unknown time.

### Underage Possession/Drunk in Public

Blake C. Yongue, 19, of North Garden, was charged with underage possession of alcohol at McGraw-Long Hall on Nov. 14 at 2:20 a.m. Matthew A. Myers, 20, of Harrisonburg, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and drunk in public at Hoffman Hall on Nov. 14 at 1:02 a.m. Paul R. Brumfield, 20, of Harrisonburg, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and drunk in public at Hoffman Hall on Nov. 14 at 1:02 a.m.

Total parking tickets since Aug. 19: 10,089  
Total drunk in public since Aug. 19: 43

## DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

### Friday, Nov. 19

Help provide canned food for Harrisonburg families this Thanksgiving season. Donations can be dropped off in Wilson Hall, room 204, Taylor Hall, room 203, Carrier Library lobby, Festival information desk, SunChase clubhouse, South View clubhouse and Stone Gate Clubhouse.

Please find the call for papers for *Sister Speak*, the JMU feminist literary journal. We are seeking literary and critical work, including responses to the Furious Flower II Poetry Conference, as well as artwork. Topics should relate to women and/or gender. The deadline for submissions for the Fall 2004 issue is today. Submissions can be made to P.O. Box 8088.

Join the Great American Smokeout at JMU today on the commons from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. forty-two percent of JMU students have used tobacco in the past year. Don't be a statistic; turn in unused packs of cigarettes for free goodie bags. Brought to you courtesy of Eta Sigma Gamma.

### Saturday, Nov. 20

Swing dance with live music by the JMU jazz ensemble in PC Ballroom starting with a beginner lesson at 8 p.m. This program is an intellectual or social Wellness Passport event. The dance is from 9 p.m. to midnight. The cost for this event is \$5. No partner or experience necessary. For more info, contact Emily at fleckea.

Submit your Duke Days of 50 words or less to  
Breezenews@hotmail.com

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BY: CHRIS SWECKER



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## AROUND CAMPUS

### Sorority sells T-shirts to raise money for fire victims

Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority plans to raise money for the victims of the Fox Hill fire on Oct. 23 through T-shirt sales.

Sigma Sigma Simga will sell the shirts today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Warren Hall patio. The proceeds from the T-shirt sales will be donated to help with the fire damage costs.

The cost for the T-shirts is \$10 and FLEX also is accepted.

### Knitting club to hold first meeting

JMU Knitwits will hold its first meeting today from 6 to 8 p.m. in Zane Showker Hall, room 242.

The new club will teach knitting and give assistance to those who already know how to knit. JMU Knitwits also will be selling yarn and needles.

JMU Knitwits will be involved in community service projects.

The club originated in order to teach members new techniques and patterns as well as giving them a place to work on their knitting projects. For more information, contact JMUknitwits@yahoo.com.

### Qdoba to raise funds for emergency room

Qdoba Mexican Grill is hosting a fund raiser and festival tomorrow.

Gretchen Flack, marketing representative for Qdoba, said 50 percent of the entire day's profits will be donated to the emergency room at Rockingham Memorial Hospital to buy lifesaving equipment.

Flack said they chose such a big cause because everyone ends up in the emergency room at one point, either for themselves or a loved one, and everyone deserves the best care.

Flack hopes that the event will be fun and has planned activities such as face painting, as well as appearances by Duke Dog, JMU cheerleaders, the JMU Duke Club and local radio stations.

There also will be representatives from the hospital to talk about job opportunities, Flack said. Qdoba is located in the Harrisonburg Crossing shopping center (near Wal-mart), and is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Students blame themselves for sexual assaults

**LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE)** — There were 12 reports of rape at the University of California-Los Angeles in 2003, a 200 percent increase from four in 2002 and the highest number of rapes reported on campus in at least four years.

But the statistics do not tell the entire story, because rape is one of the most under-reported crimes. Even when reported, arrests and prosecutions are not automatic.

An estimated 61.5 percent of rapes and sexual assaults were not reported to police in 2003, according to a report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Many experts estimate the percentage to be much higher. Tina Oakland, director of the UCLA Center for Women & Men, said there are many reasons women decide not to report an act of sexual violence to police.

"They may be tremendously ashamed. There's a lot of self-blame that goes along with the assault," Oakland said.

Berkowitz said, "Often, the rape is to someone that lives in the same community or in a similar group of friends. There's a fear of upsetting that whole social arrangement."

## Students question dining policy

### Dining services defends single-punch weekends

By MARIA NOSAL  
staff writer

Through meal plans, students are allowed to double punch on Monday-through Thursday after 11 a.m. However, Friday through Sunday, students are not given the option to double punch. This recently has become a controversial issue.

"Out of all the feedback I was receiving this year, students were overwhelmingly frustrated by not being able to double punch on the weekends," said senior Hunter Hanger, Board of Visitors student representative.

"As I began to think about the fairness of this policy, it seemed that Dining Services was making hundreds of thousands of dollars off of unused punches, and I felt it was inequitable," Hanger said.

Hanger received his information from polls he conducted by explaining what the Board of Visitors and asking students if they had any comments or questions. Hanger said he began researching the topic at the end of last year, following his election.

"Double punching has been a part of JMU Dining Services for many years," director of dining services Clete Myers said.

"It was instituted to offer students the opportunity to use a meal that they would have missed due to a class conflict," Myers said.

JMU is the only public university that allows double punches, according to Hanger.

Meal plan pricing is based on the average number of meals that are consumed and by not permitting double

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SARAH RABBY/contributing photographer

Junior Hunter Hanger voiced student concerns about double punch on weekends. Clete Myers, director of dinig services, said there is no advantage to ARAMARK not permitting the action.

## Majority of students living off-campus

By COREY GOGGIN  
contributing writer

About 60 percent of JMU undergraduates live off campus, according to the 2005 Housing Guide released by the Office of Off Campus Life.

When considering living off campus, there are several resources available to students, including the Office of Off Campus Life, located in Taylor Hall, room 102, which offers pamphlets and a housing guide.

Students also can go to the offices of the properties in which they have interest. Most places have a reservation list where students sign up on a first-come, first-serve basis. To get on these lists, most places require an application fee, which is usually between \$20 to \$30 and varies from complex to complex.

Although no property requires four people (or whatever the occupancy)

at, sign-up, four people usually are preferred when leasing an off-campus apartment or house.

"I don't rent rooms, I rent homes," said Stephanie Furr, the property manager at Foxhill Townhomes.

Ryan Gray, a leasing agent for South View (which is run by the same company as Stone Gate and the Commons), said groups of four get preference at their properties.

Many properties have some system to bring together one, two or three people to complete an apartment. South View, Stone Gate and the Commons have each student fill out a roommate profile upon signing up for the reservation list, and these profiles help to match students based on living styles, roommate preferences, Gray said. Fox Hill offers a place to post roommate want

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## JMU offers new summer study abroad program in Paris

By MEGAN ERHARDT  
contributing writer

JMU once again will offer study abroad opportunities in Paris, France, through a six-week summer program.

In the past, JMU offered a fall and spring semester program in Paris. "It's a modest program, but you get to be in Paris and earn a couple credits while you are there," said Kirk Elwood, a Paris program director.

Christiane Szeps-Fralin, a French professor, had the idea to start the Paris program. She recruited the majority of the students from the French department and also the faculty here and abroad. Szeps-Fralin asked Elwood, who is a business professor, to be the program's co-director.

Szeps said she thought that the program also would foster a great collaboration between the French department and the

College of Business.

After developing the idea of the summer program with some colleagues, Elwood recruited students and faculty.

*"I was so happy to hear that JMU is once again offering a study abroad program in Paris."*

— Jennifer Lachman  
SCLJ

The summer program will commence June 18, 2005, with courses in language, French history, economics and art.

"It's not all vacation, but at least when you're not studying there are many different and exciting things to

experience," Elwood said. He will teach international economics (ECON 270) in Paris this coming summer.

"I was so happy to hear that JMU is once again offering a study abroad opportunity in Paris," said senior Jennifer Lachman, who studied abroad in Paris in spring 2004 through a non-JMU program. "Last year, when I began exploring my study abroad options, I was forced to look at programs offered by other institutions. The whole process would have been a thousand times easier if JMU had been offering a program in Paris."

Senior Laura Dantzler, who studied abroad through a JMU program, said, "The program directors and staff associated with JMU were always in contact with me and were very supportive. Going through JMU was a definite benefit for my study abroad experience."

## Survey says adults believe professors hold liberal biases

By EMILY BOURNE  
U-Wire

Half of American adults agree college students are taught with a liberal bias, letting in the possibility to influencing students, according to a survey in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The majority of respondents to the survey also said this "liberal bias" is brought into the classroom "improperly."

The *Chronicle* also reported findings published in American Enterprise Institute's magazine, which found, of professors surveyed, more

than nine out of 10 belonged to the Democratic or Green Party.

Despite the national sentiment and the local reputation as a left-leaning campus, some University of Wisconsin students and faculty say bias is not a problem in this university's curriculum.

UW political science professor Charles Franklin said while it is "obvious" the majority of UW professors tend to be liberal, there is no discrimination against conservative applicants to faculty positions.

He added conservatives are difficult to find in many areas of study, graduate programs or research programs.

"I think it would be interesting if there were more diversity on campus," Franklin said.

Franklin acknowledged some professors do share their views more than others, but said this was more a matter of teaching method than an attempt to mold the opinions of students.

"I think people vary a lot in how much they think ideology ought to be part of classroom discussion," Franklin said.

Though some professors may be more open in their political take, UW sophomore Mallory Evans said in her experience, professors did not

explicitly bring their experiences into the classroom.

"Most of my professors try to not reveal their political beliefs," Evans said.

UW sophomore Stephanie Bergo said her professors do not usually share their opinions outright, but their views are fairly obvious in the end.

However, Bergo said she does not believe professors are trying to convince all students to share their views because this could get in the way of their ability to teach.

"I think professors mostly just want students to be informed," Bergo added.

## Wireless merger signals change in cellphone service

By DAGAN JOSEPHSON  
U-Wire

Cingular's recent acquisition of AT&T Wireless will change the telecommunication industry for years to come. The merger will affect consumers as the wireless industry continues to expand, and as more Americans turn to wireless services, the merger will play a role in the industry's pricing structure and quality of service.

University of Califor-

nia-Los Angeles students also will notice the changes the merger brings to signal quality, local stores and customer service. Furthermore, they will have the ability to upgrade their plans from a selection of new offerings.

Cingular announced its acquisition of AT&T Wireless on April 2 and the FCC cleared the merger on Oct. 26, making it official.

A venture of BellSouth Corp. and SBC Communications Inc., Cingular acquired AT&T Wireless, which itself

announced a spin-off from its parent company AT&T, on July 9, 2001.

The \$41 billion purchase, or the amount Cingular paid to buy out AT&T Wireless, is the largest acquisition in the U.S. wireless industry.

Proponents of the merger say the new Cingular can provide the best of both companies. Combining Cingular and AT&T Wireless will offer more plans and features to consumers.

According to Cingular's

Web site, the new Cingular has the largest voice and data network in the country. Since Monday, customers have seen their network expand to 46 million customers.

Consumer advocates favoring strong competition and lower prices say the merger will not benefit consumers. By eliminating a competitor, Cingular can raise prices because the merger also will lead to layoffs, as the company plans to downsize in order to decrease costs.



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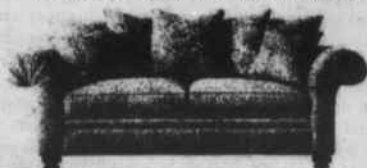
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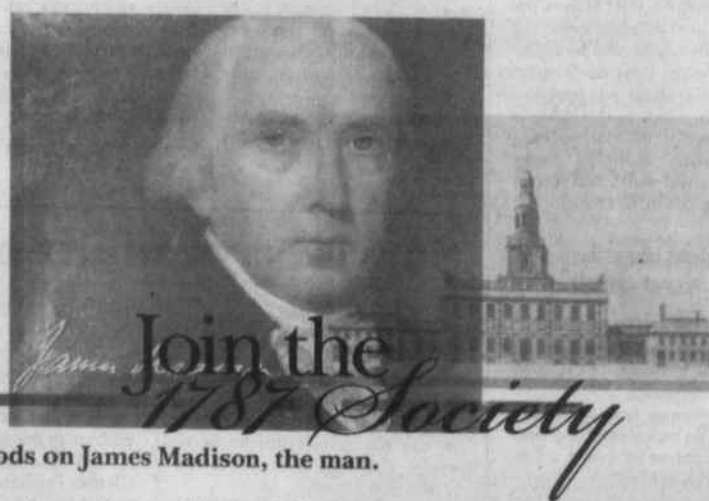
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## HISTORY: Author tells of local tensions and changing Harrisonburg attitudes

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Day," she said.

A fire whistle announced Harrisonburg's victory in becoming the chosen town in which the school would be built, Jones said. She added that the mayor called it the proudest moment in Harrisonburg history.

Jones said a deciding factor in the location of the school was Harrisonburg's fire department. "Our fire department was second to none," she said. Jones added that fire was a real and constant danger since there was no central heating and heating sources like stoves were primarily used. She added that the Virginia General Assembly, which decided where the school was to be located, didn't want the students to be without housing if a fire broke out in the school.

The school opened in 1908 under the name, "State Normal and Industrial

School for Women," Jones said. She added that the word "normal" was part of the institution's name to assure parents that the school wouldn't subscribe to any new-fangled ideas, like learning by doing or instituting physical education programs.

Jones said Harrisonburg teachers in the early twentieth century were forbidden to marry or "keep the company of men." Jones said that they were expected to remain at home from the hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., unless they were attending a school function, and above all, they weren't to "loiter downtown in any of the ice cream stores."

There was marked growth in the school over the years, partly depending on the school's presidential administration, Jones said. She said that Samuel Page Duke instituted the first bachelor's degree program in 1935; girls then could be trained to be teachers or receive

a degree in liberal arts.

In 1949, Duke suffered a stroke, Jones said. He hadn't made any preparations for retirement, so the Board of Visitors decided to let him and his family reside in Zirkle House on Main Street, Jones said. "It must have been hard for him to watch the school grow across the street and to not be a part of it," she added.

"Rooted on Blue Stone Hill" can be purchased from the Community Foundation, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce, The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Convention and Visitors Bureau or the *Daily News-Record*.

Jenny Burden of the Community Foundation added that nearly all proceeds go to the endowment of the Community Foundation's Community Fund, a pool established for the general benefit of the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.

## IDS: Bars double-card to ensure identity, age of patrons, JMU students

**IDS**, from page 1

find fake identification look for several things. The picture is checked to ensure visual match-up, especially when the license is borrowed. Birthdates must match to legal drinking age. Correct vertical and insignia are checked by state.

Most licenses also have one or more holographic embossments that cannot be seen from certain angles. Holographs often make licenses harder to accurately reproduce without sophisticated scanning, Gettings said.

"We take [fake IDs] very seriously," said Jessica Nadeau, manager at Biltmore Grill on University Boulevard. "We'll

take them away and turn them in, and we don't allow anyone under 21 in after 10 p.m."

The number of attempts at entering the Biltmore Grill and attempting to be served with fake IDs are a quarter of the amount of last year because of so many being taken away, Nadeau said.

"We double-card everyone, which cuts down [fake IDs use] a lot," said Carrie Costa, manager of Calhoun's Restaurant and Brewing Company, located at 41 Court Sq. "We would kick them out and tell them not to come back, but we have not had a problem because we have a reputation of being pretty strict."

## PUNCH: Meal plans debated

**PUNCH**, from page 3

punching on the weekends were allowed, the average number of meals consumed would increase, causing the cost of meal plans to increase, Myers said.

Hanger discussed the issue with the Board of Visitors. "It seems like ARAMARK would be making bank off of students not using their services on the week and not getting to use those punches," Hanger said.

"There is no real advantage to ARAMARK by not permitting double punches on the weekend. JMU's food services operation is a self-funding entity that receives no money from the state. The amount of profit allowed to ARAMARK is limited by the university's contract agreement with ARAMARK," Myers added.

Sophomore Meghan O'Donnell said, "I feel that since we pay for our meal plans, we should be able to use them to the full extent. I know personally it is hard on the weekends to use both punches because of the time constraint."

## SENIOR: Time to celebrate

**SENIOR**, from page 1

lot of events which incorporate 'real work' skills and steps to take after graduation."

Events included selling MADISON senior shirts on the commons, holding senior night at local restaurants, organizing resume reviews, holding a panel discussion with top executives and a showing of the movie "Dazed and Confused" at Grafton-Stovall Theatre.

"It incorporates both professional and fun activities for seniors to enjoy their last fall semester at JMU while gaining information about becoming alumni," said senior class Vice President, Lawson Ricketts.

Vice President of Student Affairs for the Student Government, junior Alka Franceschi, said, "Senior Class Council worked very hard together to put the week together."

Harris gave advice to his fellow seniors, "I just want to encourage seniors to take advantage of every opportunity that we have left here to make the most of their Madison experience."

## OFF: Places to rent still open

**OFF**, from page 5

ads in its main office.

Now is the time for students to start thinking about their plans for next year. Fox Hill has been taking applications since school started, Furr said.

Ron Turner, community manager at The Mill, said that places are filling up fast this year — he has been receiving applications, a large number of them since school started, which was not the case last year.

SunChase began signing leases Oct. 1, said Kerry Brown, Regional Marketing Director for SunChase. She said they are still taking names, but that students are now being placed on a waiting list.

South View, the Commons and Stone Gate still are taking applications to be placed on reservation lists, according to Gray. He added that none of their lists are full, and they will not be placing students in apartments until winter break.

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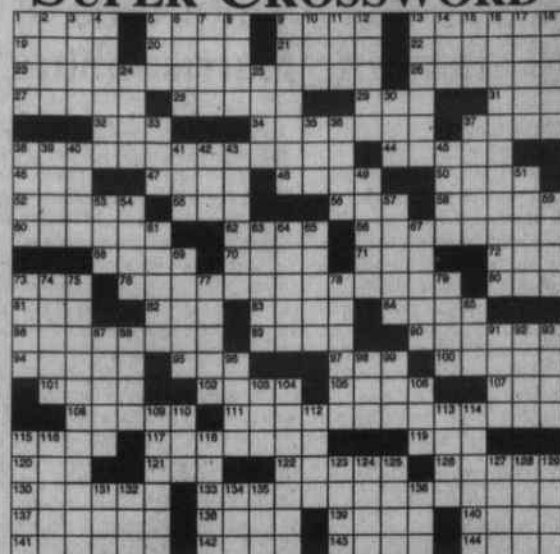
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## BRINGING ZOO BACK THE ZOO

*Teams aim to restore Convo's tradition*

By MATTHEW STOSS  
assistant sports editor

**C**onsider not being able to find any toilet paper in the Convocation Center because it is all lying in a waded heap of two-ply on the court.

The kid on your left has neon yellow hair, and the kid to your right is naked — except for a pair of boxer shorts and the purple paint can emptied on his chest while 7,000 of your closest friends are making as much noise as humanly possible.

Welcome to the Electric Zoo.

"It was an impossible place to play if you weren't wearing purple and gold," said current JMU radio play-by-play commentator Mike Schikman. "It began in Godwin Hall and it was the noisiest place I've ever been."

It was so noisy that in the 1980s, the Convocation Center was elected to the top-8 loudest sports venues by one of Richmond's newspapers.

The Electric Zoo is the title appropriated to the JMU student section at basketball games, and in its prime in the late '80s and early '90s, it was as hostile an environment for enemy squads as any in the country.

"The students would pick one player to boo," Schikman said. "He didn't even have to be the best — it could've just been the look of the guy. And every time he touched the ball, the boos would cascade down."

Current JMU women's basketball coach Kenny Brooks played for the Dukes from 1987-'91 under then-coach "Lefty" Driesell, who came from the University of Maryland, and he recalls what it was like to be on the floor with the Zoo in the stands.

"It was one of the best experiences I've ever had athletically," Brooks said. "To run down that ramp with so many people — it gave me goosebumps."

During Driesell's reign, JMU earned National Invitational Tournament berths four straight years from 1989-'90 to 1992-'93, then capped those off with an NCAA bid to the East Regional in 1993-'94.

"They probably should've changed our colors and added red and a bull's-eye on our back," Brooks said about playing under Driesell. "We were the biggest game people had all year because they wanted to make fun of 'Lefty'. He did wonders for us, and the CAA. He was a very successful coach."

The Electric Zoo began in Godwin Hall, where the Dukes played before moving to the Convocation Center in 1982. Godwin Hall held 5,200 spectators whereas the Convo holds 7,612. The first year JMU basketball moved from Godwin across the interstate, there was a lottery for student tickets, sports information director Gary Michael said.

"I've talked to a lot of former players in the past seven months," JMU men's basketball coach Dean Keener said. "One of the first questions they ask is how can we get back to that at the Convo and creating the Electric Zoo. They want it and recognize it's important."

Recently, there have been shadows of a Zoo resurrection. With the recent success of the football team, attendance at Bridgeforth Stadium has been higher than usual. In 2004, 76,739 fans made this the most attended season in JMU history, breaking the old mark of 73,200.

"It's great to have the student body so enthused about what is happening with the football program,"

Keener said. "It just confirms what I thought that the students here can be as good as anywhere in the conference and really as good as anyone on the east coast."

"It gives you great hope as a coach that students certainly can be vocal and they have bought into true school spirit, and I think that will carry over to a lot of sports — in particular, men's and women's basketball — as we head into the winter."

Another phantom of earlier days is the streamers tossed when the Dukes take the field at football games. In the Electric Zoo, it was tradition to launch streamers — and toilet paper — onto the court when JMU's first basket dropped.

"We called it the Paper de Toilette," Schikman said. "It was a flash snowstorm all over the court, and the sides because their aim wasn't so great. You were lucky if you didn't have to go the bathroom."

The paper-tossing tradition at basketball games was nixed in the mid-eighties for safety purposes, but that wasn't the heart of the Electric Zoo.

"The fans made it special," Schikman said. "They love their Dukes."

With the hiring of Keener in April after the resignation of Sherman Dillard, a new enthusiasm abounds the JMU campus.

"The fan base, and the students in particular, will support a team that competes and plays hard," Keener said. "The minute we return, our fans will be there."

One almost can hear the electricity buzzing once more around the foundations of the Convocation Center.

"Dean and Kenny have done a great job recruiting and are good smart coaches," Schikman said. "I'm sure the Zoo will be back in short order."



**Rising action**

Cavell Johnson and the front line look to raise their game.

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**Dickinson's loud game**

Sophomore guard Lesley Dickinson's quiet personality yields big results on the court.

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**Freeman takes helm**

Senior guard Daniel Freeman knows his role is to lead — just don't ask him to call this a year for rebuilding.

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**Senior presence**

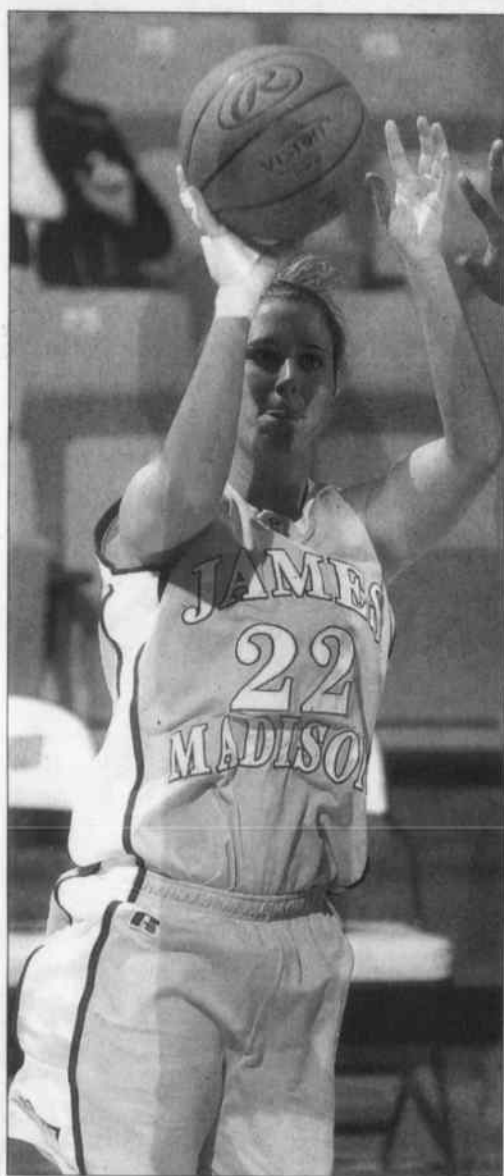
Senior's Krystal Brooks and Mary Beth Culbertson gear up for their final season's at JMU.

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# Seniors in minority on youth-laden squad



Redshirt senior guard Mary Beth Culbertson was sidelined all of last season due to a knee injury.

## Veterans counted on to guide and lead in 2004

By ROSE LAVERY  
contributing writer

The JMU women's basketball team is getting ready to open their 2004-'05 season at home in early January.

The Dukes finished last year with a 13-18 overall record season that was marked by the emergence of the team's freshman class. This year, the Dukes will be counting on their two veterans, senior guard Mary Beth Culbertson and senior center Krystal Brooks for leadership and guidance. The Dukes feature a young team that includes nine underclassmen, one junior transfer and two seniors.

"We're very young but we're very aggressive and eager to learn, and I think we're all taking it in," Culbertson said.

Krystal attributes the team's hard work in their pre-season and the team's coaching as good preparation for the upcoming season.

"The coaches, their attitudes have been great. They've been so positive. So far, the experience this year has been so exciting, and the team is excited," Krystal said. Krystal sees Culbertson as having a key role in leading their younger teammates.

"This is her fifth year, so she definitely understands what she's talking about," Krystal said. "She's really understands the game. She's a smart player."

"So, right now, even though she's injured, in the little games that we've played or in the inter-squad scrimmages, she talks to the team and just kind of tells us what we're doing wrong or what we need to work on as a team."

Similarly, Culbertson said Krystal's impact on the court will be integral to the team's play.

"I think she's going to be key to our success because she's a very strong force inside for us," Culbertson said. "If she can have a good year, then that's going to open a lot of things up for us, with her and Meredith working together we're going to have a really good inside presence."

JMU women's basketball coach Kenny Brooks will also be looking forward to Krystal's and Culbertson's crucial roles on the team.

"They're going to bring a lot of experience; they're going to have to step up in ways they've never had to step up before," Kenny Brooks said. "They're going to be counted upon for their vocal leadership, and being able to pass some of their knowledge on to the younger players. Depending on how well they do that, I think that's going to depend on a lot of our success."

Culbertson and Krystal are also Kenny Brooks' longest-tenured players. As this is his third year as head coach, he has been able to see his veterans develop their skills and grow and mature as players.

"They understand what they want out of their career, what they want out of the season," Kenny Brooks said. "They understand this is their last go-around, and that they want to really make the best of it and go out with a bang. They understand that they have the capabilities of doing that because they are very talented. With their leadership, I think they can help us get to the level we want to get to."



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Senior center Krystal Brooks will be the senior member of the JMU frontcourt that is all sophomores and freshmen.

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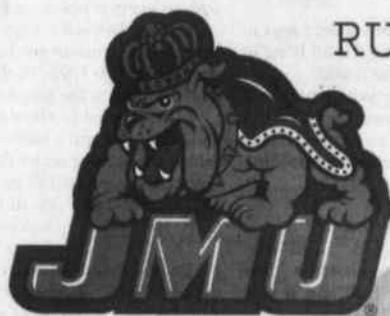
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(From left) Sophomore forward Cavell Johnson shoots a jump shot over two defenders during JMU's exhibition game against PanAmericana. Sophomore forward Chris Cathlin shoots a fadeaway jump shot in the same game. Johnson and a PanAmericana player compete for a jump ball. JMU opens its season Saturday at Drexel University.

## Rising Action

*Frontcourt looks to make statement in 2004*

By JEFF TOMIK  
contributing writer

JMU graduated their leading scorer and go-to guy from last season, forward Dwayne Broyles. Broyles was team captain and named JMU's most outstanding player. The Dukes will need a frontcourt of young players that will be able to fill the shoes of Broyles.

"We do not have much experience in the frontcourt, but we are fortunate to have size and depth this year," coach Dean Keener said. "Each of our five frontcourt players brings something different to our team."

Keener believes sophomore Eddie Greene-Long and freshman Gabriel Chami will be the main focus in the low-post this season, while junior David Cooper and sophomores Cavell

Johnson and Chris Cathlin will cause opponents problems with their ability to face up and attack the basket.

Chami is a 6-foot-11-inch, 250-pound native Argentinian. He adds some needed size to the small lineup that was put on the floor last season. Keener is impressed with the excellent work ethic and big man's skills that the freshman will add to the front court.

Center Greene-Long has a big, strong low-post presence Keener said. During his freshman year, he played in 25 of the 28 games and started eight. He was the leading scorer with a career-high nine points in 15 minutes in a Dukes loss to the University of North Carolina-Wilmington last season.

The athletic ability and shooting range of forward Johnson helped JMU on both ends of the floor last

season. His 17 3-pointers last year ranked him eighth among JMU freshmen all time and his 22 blocks

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— Dean Keener  
men's basketball coach

we're best from a freshman at JMU since Jeff Chambers in the 1989-'90 season. His breakout game last sea-

son was a meeting against Hofstra University Feb. 24, where he recorded a career-high 16 points and 4 blocks to go with 6 rebounds.

"I will contribute big time to rebounding," Johnson said. "All of us show big presence on the defensive end as far as blocking and contesting shots, as well as rebounding."

Cathlin's ability to rebound is an asset both on the offensive and defensive ends. Last season, he was JMU's second best rebounder and eighth in the Colonial Athletic Association in offensive rebounds. On the offensive end, he had four double-digit scoring games. Cathlin displayed his versatility last season when he recorded 14 points, 8 rebounds, 3 blocked shots and 3 steals in a win against Navy.

JMU will miss Cooper at the start

of the season. He had knee surgery on Aug. 30 and has begun limited workouts. Keener expects to have the Southern New Hampshire transfer return in early Dec. Cooper started 20 games last season and averaged 5.6 points and 4.2 rebounds per game.

Cooper intends to be an instant impact player upon his return.

"I add energy, toughness and am a threat both offensively and defensively," Cooper said. "I also bring hard work to the floor."

Keener added, "We are counting on our front court players to rebound and score better than they did last year. Collectively, I believe this group of guys will get better as the season progresses. As they learn our system and learn to play together, they will become effective players in the CAA."

Men's basketball coach Dean Keener enters his first season at JMU. Keener was an assistant coach under former coach Sherman Dillard. Keener helped guide Georgia Tech to the NCAA Final Four last season.

CAROLYN WALSER/  
senior photographer

## Meet the Coaches

### Dean Keener

Keener became the eighth coach in the history of JMU men's basketball last April when he was hired to replace former coach Sherman Dillard. Keener worked under Dillard during the 1999-'00 season as an assistant coach at JMU. Keener's most recent position was as an assistant coach at Georgia Tech under coach Paul Hewitt. Keener and the Yellow Jackets reached the NCAA championship game last season before losing to the University of Connecticut Huskies 82-73. Keener is a 1988 graduate of Davidson College.

— from staff reports

### Kenny Brooks

Women's basketball coach Kenny Brooks is a 1992 JMU graduate. The 35-year-old second-year coach enters the 2004 season with a 29-28 career record at JMU. Prior to being named women's coach, Brooks was an assistant coach for the JMU men's program under former coach Sherman Dillard. Brooks was a JMU player under former coach "Lefty" Driesell and has twice appeared in the National Invitational Tournament, in the 1990 and 1991 seasons. Brooks averaged 5.7 points per game and had 216 career assists during his playing career.

— from staff reports



Women's basketball coach Kenny Brooks takes a 29-28 career record into the 2004-'05 season. Brooks is a JMU alumnus, having played under former coach "Lefty" Driesell from 1988-1991. He was a two-time team captain.

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# 'Uncle Free' takes command

By TOM CIALINO  
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Guard Daniel Freeman knows what his role as the Dukes' lone senior and top returning scorer entails.

"I just feel like that since I'm a senior, I have to be a leader," Freeman said. "Not only do I want to bring leadership with my playing ability, but I want to be a vocal leader."

The loss of 1,000-point scorer Dwayne Broyles to graduation and an inexperienced, injury-plagued group of players will cause first-year coach Dean Keener count to heavily on Freeman. However, Keener feels comfortable with the man referred to by his teammates as "Uncle Free."

"Daniel has been through the wars of the CAA and understands what the level of play in this league is about," Keener said. "So far, he has been a great senior leader."

Along with Freeman, sophomore guard Ray Barbosa will be relied on heavily to provide consistent scoring on a nightly basis. Barbosa, a CAA All-Rookie selection from a year ago, has shared backcourt duties with Freeman and is aware of the abilities that he brings to the offense.

"Daniel is very quick and strong when

making moves to the basket," Barbosa said. "Once he gets by, you can't stop him."

Barbosa and Freeman are the only returning players to average more than 6 points per game last season. They also are the only two guards with significant Division I playing experience.

With prized recruit freshman guard Joe Posey's wrist injury possibly sidelining him until the beginning of conference play, Freeman will be asked to back up Coffeyville Junior College transfer, junior Jomo Belfor, at point guard.

This will not be a problem for Freeman. "Uncle Free" has played anywhere from point guard to small forward during his first three years, and is willing to play any spot that puts him on the floor.

"I'm just primarily going to play this year," Freeman said. "It doesn't matter where I play; one, two, three, four, five — I'm just trying to help the team win."

With Freeman assuming so many responsibilities and the backcourt lacking depth, he will be asked to play more minutes than he did during the past three years. Freeman credits an excellent conditioning program and strong work ethic to his ability to take on an increased workload.

"Not every team in the country conditions like we do," Freeman said. "It takes discipline to get up at 6 in the morning in the freezing cold to run sprints. It will definitely pay off in the second half when other

teams are hugging their knees and we're juiced up, ready to go."

His coach and teammates said Freeman has been a great example of how to work hard and already is beginning to see the results.

"He's always in the gym before practice," Barbosa said. "And he really worked hard to get stronger and faster for this year."

Despite coming off a 7-21 record last season, and having a roster comprised of only two players with more than two years of Division I playing experience, Keener feels it is unfair to label Freeman's senior year as one that will be used solely to rebuild.

"As I've said all along, I don't believe in rebuilding," Keener said. "I do think that we need to reshape some things here. But, this is a team that will get better over time as the guys adjust to our style of play and as we get people back from injuries."

Freeman also is aware of the predictions that have his team winding up in the CAA cellar for a second-straight season. He has his own philosophy to measure the team's success.

"The mindset is to get better every day in practice," Freeman said. "You can look to the future and say that we want to be a title contender or win a conference championship this year and go to the NCAAs, but we want to get better every day. We're going to go with that mindset and if we stick to it, I think we'll be fine."

## The talented Mr. Barbosa

By TODD BAGCHI  
staff writer

It didn't take long for sophomore guard Ray Barbosa to establish his reputation as an explosive scorer last season.

As a freshman, Barbosa burst onto the scene with a 28-point effort in his first college game against Furman University. He scored a career-high 33 points against the University of Virginia in the Dukes' sixth game of the season.

With the graduation of last season's leading scorer, forward Dwayne Broyles, the Dukes will look for someone to step up and fill his shoes. That somebody very well may be Barbosa.

When new men's basketball coach Dean Keener arrived this year, Barbosa immediately made an impression on him.

"When I first met Ray, I could

tell that he was somebody that really wanted to be a good player," Keener said. "Obviously, that was a correct assumption."

Barbosa is known for his shooting ability. His 46 3-pointers last season were the second most ever by a JMU freshman. Senior guard Daniel Freeman said the team valued Barbosa's shot more than any other aspect of his game.

"Ray helps us out the most by just being a threat," Freeman said. "People know that if you get the ball in his hands and he gets an open look, it's going in."

While he has a reputation for being a great shooter, Barbosa doesn't want to be known as a player without other skills. He tried to improve other aspects of his game during the off-season.

"I've been working on other aspects of my game, like trying to

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CAROLYN WALSER/senior photographer

Sophomore guard Ray Barbosa looks for an open man during JMU's exhibition game against PanAmericana last week. The Dukes open their season Saturday in Philadelphia against La Salle University.

## Men's Colonial Athletic Association Preview

### George Mason

Coach: Jim Larranaga 23-10 (12-6)

Forward Jai Lewis averaged 14.5 points per game last season and made All-CAA First Team. Returning starters include point guard Raoul Heinen and guards Mark Davis and Richard Tynes.

### Delaware

Coach: David Henderson 16-12 (10-8)

Despite losing last season's top scorer Mike Ames, Delaware remains senior-heavy, returning team Most Valuable Player Mike Slattery at guard. In their exhibition opener, transfer guard Andrew Washington scored 31 points and forward Robin Wentt grabbed 12 rebounds.

### JMU

Coach: Dean Keener 7-21 (3-15)

New coach Dean Keener will attempt to resurrect the young Dukes. Key returns include the guard tandem of sophomores Ray Barbosa and senior Daniel Freeman. Both finished last season averaging more than 10 points per game.

### William & Mary

Coach: Tony Shaver 7-21 (4-14)

Shaver will work with six newcomers to the roster that includes four freshmen and two junior transfers. The added depth will help guard Nick D'Antoni (5.68 apg) and the Tribe be competitive this season.

### Old Dominion

Coach: Blaine Taylor -17-12 (11-7)

The Monarchs return four starters, including forward Alex Loughton, who was second in the league in scoring and rebounds. Guard Isaiah Hunter, forward Amaud Dahi, and point guard Drew Williamson return as a talented supporting cast.



### Hofstra

Coach: Tom Pecora 16-13 (11-7)

The Pride came up short of a CAA title last season, despite a run in the conference tournament. Hofstra has a relatively young squad that features guard/forward Loren Stokes, who was named to the preseason All-CAA Second Team.

### Virginia Commonwealth

Coach: Jeff Capel 23-8 (14-4)

The defending conference champions will play without CAA Player of the Year Dominic Jones (16.3 ppg). Troy Godwin (11.8 ppg, 7 rpg), and veteran leader Kevin Moore. However, forwards Michael Doles and Derrick Reid make VCU a dangerous team.

### North Carolina-Wilmington

Coach: Brad Brownell 15-15 (9-9)

The 2002-'03 conference champions slipped to a .500 record last season. This year, the Seahawks return leading scorer, guard Ed Spencer, and guard John Goldsberry (All-CAA Defensive Team).

### Drexel

James Flint 18-11 (13-5)

Drexel will return four starters, including their leading scorer, forward Sean Brooks. First Team All-Conference guard Phil Goss also returns. Both Brooks and Goss were named to the preseason All-Conference First Team.

### Towson

Pat Kennedy 8-21 (4-14)

Towson returns two starters, guard Mike Green and forward Lawrence Hamm. Both players averaged 10 points per game last season. However, the Tigers lost their leading scorer, Jamaal Gilchrist.

### Men's Basketball 2004-'05 Roster

No.	Name	Year	Position
34	Ray Barbosa	Sophomore	Guard
14	Jomo Belfor	Junior	Guard
50	Chris Cathlin	Sophomore	Forward
12	Gabriel Chami	Freshman	Center
11	Chris Clarke	Sophomore	Guard
2	David Cooper	Redshirt Junior	Forward
22	Daniel Freeman	Senior	Guard
25	John Goodman	Senior	Guard
4	Eddie Greene-Long	Sophomore	Center
44	Caveil Johnson	Sophomore	Forward
1	Ulrich Kosselke	Redshirt Sophomore	Guard
21	John Napanio	Junior	Guard
3	Joe Posey	Freshman	Guard

### Men's Basketball 2004-'05 Schedule

Nov. 20	@ La Salle	6:05 pm
Nov. 27	vs. Maryland-Baltimore County	7:00 pm
Nov. 28	@ Appalachian State	7:00 pm
Dec. 4	vs. Hofstra	7:00 pm
Dec. 11	@ Virginia Tech	8:00 pm
Dec. 15	@ Georgia Tech	7:00 pm
Dec. 18	@ West Virginia	7:00 pm
Dec. 22	vs. Howard	7:00 pm
Dec. 29	vs. High Point	7:00 pm
Jan. 3	vs. UNC-W	7:00 pm
Jan. 8	@ Old Dominion	7:00 pm
Jan. 12	vs. William & Mary	7:00 pm
Jan. 15	@ Delaware	7:30 pm
Jan. 19	@ Towson	7:00 pm
Jan. 22	vs. George Mason	7:00 pm
Jan. 26	@ VCU	7:30 pm
Jan. 29	@ Drexel	4:00 pm
Jan. 31	vs. VCU	7:00 pm
Feb. 2	vs. Delaware	7:00 pm
Feb. 5	@ George Mason	7:00 pm
Feb. 9	@ Hofstra	7:00 pm
Feb. 12	vs. Drexel	2:00 pm
Feb. 16	@ William & Mary	7:00 pm
Feb. 19	@ UNC-W	7:00 pm
Feb. 21	vs. Longwood	7:00 pm
Feb. 23	vs. Towson	7:00 pm
Feb. 26	vs. ODU	7:00 pm

By JOHN GALLE/staff writer



"I am looking for Lesley to take on a leadership role."

# Dickinson's game makes noise

BY MEAGAN MIHALKO  
contributing writer

Sophomore guard Lesley Dickinson finally took a break from practice, the thumping of the basketball banging off the court and the squeaking of rubber soles pivoting against the hardwood floor still echoing in her head.

Practice. It's a routine Dickinson's been through hundreds of times. And it paid off for Dickinson last season. As a freshman, she was named team Most Valuable Player. She led the Dukes in scoring and was named Colonial Athletic Association Rookie of the Year.

Earlier this year, she was selected to the Preseason All-CAA First Team.

As JMU gears up for the 2004-'05 season, all eyes will be on Dickinson.

Dickinson logged over 1,000 minutes on the court in 2003-'04. She recognizes that maturity comes with responsibility.

"This season will be a lot different for me," Dickinson said. "People are on to me, people are expecting a lot more out of me."

As a freshman, Dickinson's scoring average

was second best all time among freshmen in JMU history. However, this year, she will be faced with challenges beyond just putting points on the board, coach Kenny Brooks said.

"I am looking for Lesley to take on a leadership role," Brooks said. "She is a confident and intelligent person and player."

Brooks added that he saw parallels between Dickinson and himself.

"Lesley reminds me a lot of myself when I first started playing," Brooks said. "She is quiet, but I was the same way — until something clicked. That's what I am waiting for with Lesley."

Dickinson admits to being a quiet person, but said she would take leadership responsibility to help the team.

"Although it may not be my personality, if taking on this role will help get us further, I am willing to step up," Dickinson said.

Sophomore guard Shirley McCall said, "Lesley has already become a lot more verbal this season. She was really reserved last season, but we've all seen a big change."

Leading by example is one of the strengths from which Dickinson can build off.

"I know that I have to put extra work in and have a really good work ethic at practice," Dickinson said. "Coach Brooks is expecting this out of me. I have to set a good example for the younger players."

Although Dickinson will be playing in the limelight this season, she won't be dealing with the pressure alone. Returning sophomores forward Meredith Alexis, guard Andrea Benvenuto, guard Shameena Felix and McCall will be in the mix.

"We have a strong returning squad and good leaders on the team," Dickinson said. "I know I don't have to carry the team by myself."

McCall said, "As a group of sophomores, we are all coming into our own. We all have to step into larger leadership roles, and I think it helps Lesley out, because she isn't alone."

Quiet leadership. That's what Dickinson is expected to bring to the Dukes this year. That and one other quiet sound: *Swish*.



EVIN SHOA/Staff photographer  
Sophomore center Meredith Alexis shoots a layup during pre-season practice. Alexis and the Dukes open their season Nov. 23 at home against the Virginia Tech Hokies.

## The tip of the iceberg

BY MATTHEW STOSS  
assistant sports editor

Sophomore center Meredith Alexis is rather like an iceberg, and if anyone knows anything about glacial nature, they're glad Alexis is a Duke for three more years — especially JMU women's basketball coach Kenny Brooks.

"She's only touching the tip of what she can become as far as potential," Brooks said. "She's as good a post player as I've seen, and when she verbally committed to JMU, that was a happy day for us."

Last year, that tip included averaging a double-double a game as a true freshman with 10.2 points and 10.4 rebounds an outing.

"It was challenging," Alexis said. "Each game, I didn't set out with that mentality — I just played my hardest. When I came in, I just wanted to work toward the starting lineup."

The tip also covered her record for 322 rebounds in one season. The old record for rebounds in one year was 316, set by Katherine Johnson in 1974-'75.

"She's very, very important to our frontcourt — more so this year than last," Brooks said. "She's so important because she helps us control the boards."

The 6-foot-3-inch Pennsylvanian controlled the boards so well that her 10.4 rebounds per game mark is the best of any freshman in JMU history and third best of any player ever wearing the purple and gold.

"She is a tenacious rebounder," Brooks said. "She just goes for everything. She is one of the toughest kids I've coached and it's a pleasure to watch her develop into a leader."

There were two occasions Brooks recalls when Alexis really did "go for everything." "She came in really raw, but was willing to do anything you asked her to," Brooks said. "Before the Duquesne game, she asked to what do and I told her to get 20 rebounds."

Alexis finished the game with 18. During the Colonial Athletic Association tournament, Brooks made the same request: Go get 20 rebounds. Alexis didn't quite make it — she ended up with 19.

"There's always going to be pressure and I welcome it," Alexis said. "My goal is to step up and be a leader in the post."

This year, leading in the post includes adding a few more points to go with her rebounding prowess.

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### Women's Basketball 2004-'05 Roster

No.	Name	Year	Position
40	Meredith Alexis	Sophomore	Forward/Center
4	Andrea Benvenuto	Sophomore	Guard
43	Krystal Brooks	Senior	Center
22	Mary Beth Cuthbertson	Redshirt Senior	Guard
24	Lesley Dickinson	Sophomore	Guard
3	Shameena Felix	Sophomore	Guard
53	April Gratton	Freshman	Forward
21	Jasmin Lawrence	Freshman	Guard
34	Shirley McCall	Sophomore	Guard/Forward
10	Karolina Sokalska	Junior	Forward
12	Nina Uqdah	Freshman	Forward
11	Tamera Young	Freshman	Guard/Forward

### Women's Basketball 2004-'05 Schedule

Nov. 23	vs. Virginia Tech	7:00 pm
Florida Atlantic Thanksgiving Classic, Boca Raton, Fla.		
Nov. 26	vs. Morehead State	5:00 pm
Nov. 27	Consolation Game	5:00 pm
	Championship Game	7:00 pm
Nov. 30	vs. Coppin State	7:00 pm
Dec. 3	@ William & Mary	7:00 pm
Dec. 16	@ Charleston Southern	7:00 pm
Dec. 21	vs. Norfolk State	7:00 pm
Cavalier Classic, Charlottesville, Va.		
Dec. 28	vs. American	4:30 pm
Dec. 29	Consolation Game	4:30 pm
	Championship Game	7:00 pm
Jan. 4	vs. Cornell	7:00 pm
Jan. 6	vs. Old Dominion*	7:00 pm
Jan. 9	@ Virginia Commonwealth	2:00 pm
Jan. 14	@ George Mason*	7:00 pm
Jan. 16	vs. Drexel*	2:00 pm
Jan. 20	@ Hofstra*	7:00 pm
Jan. 23	vs. North Carolina-Wilmington*	2:00 pm
Jan. 27	vs. Towson*	7:00 pm
Jan. 30	@ Delaware*	1:00 pm
Feb. 3	@ Drexel*	7:00 pm
Feb. 6	vs. George Mason*	2:00 pm
Feb. 11	vs. Hofstra*	7:00 pm
Feb. 13	vs. William & Mary*	2:00 pm
Feb. 17	@ North Carolina-Wilmington*	7:00 pm
Feb. 20	vs. Virginia Commonwealth*	2:00 pm
Feb. 24	@ Towson*	7:00 pm
Feb. 27	@ Old Dominion* (TV)	3:00 pm
Mar. 3	vs. Delaware	7:00 pm
Mar. 9-12	CAA Tournament @ Fairfax, Va.	

\* CAA opponent

## Women's Colonial Athletic Association Preview

### George Mason

Coach: Debbie Toneyhill 18-11 (11-7)

Guard Laura Kooij, the team's second-leading scorer, would not play for the Patriots this season for personal reasons. Kooij's absence means the Patriots will need production out of a substandard front line to be competitive.

### Delaware

Coach: Tina Martin 19-10 (10-8)

The Blue Hens return all five starters from last year's team, including forward Tiara Makson, who was named the CAA Preseason Player of the Year. An experienced club with a legitimate star, Delaware could compete with the Old Dominion University Monarchs for the conference championship.

### JMU

Coach: Kenny Brooks 13-18 (7-11)

The Dukes are a young team with two seniors on the roster. However, they are loaded with talent. Leading scorer guard Lesley Dickinson and the CAA's leading rebounder forward Meredith Alexis both sophomores, provide a potent one-two punch on offense.

### William & Mary

Coach: Debbie Taylor 11-18 (6-12)

William & Mary returns guards Kym Kaylor (13.6 ppg) and Kyle DeHaven (12 ppg), but the Tribe lost two key starters from a year ago. To be competitive, they will have to cut down on the 21 turnovers a game they committed last year.

### Old Dominion

Coach: Wendy Larry 25-7 (17-1)

With three double-figure scorers gone, the Lady Monarchs now are in the hands of guard Shareese Grant (12 ppg) as they look to win their 14th consecutive CAA championship. Grant will look to center Corrina Turner and forward Lawona Davis for added production.

### Hofstra

Coach: Felisha Legette-Jack 14-14 (11-7)

The only CAA team to beat Old Dominion last season, the Pride returns leading scorer and rebounder forward Anaka Aguiua. Hofstra's tough schedule will help prepare them for conference play.

### Virginia Commonwealth

Coach: Beth Cunningham 14-14 (10-8)

The Rams lost their leading scorer from a year ago in Cyndy Wilks (22 ppg). However, they will be tough to stop inside. Forward Lauren Hogan and center Kristina Cernaviciute (2.64 blocks per game) will keep opposing teams from driving to the basket at will.

### North Carolina-Wilmington

Coach: Ann Hancock 15-13 (10-8)

UNC-Wilmington will enter the season without their top three scorers from a year ago. Forward Tanika Harrison (6.1 ppg) and GUARD Lindsay Horn (5.3 ppg) will have to step up their games for the Seahawks to be competitive.

### Drexel

Coach: Denise Dillon 10-18 (7-11)

The Dragons return two of their top three scorers from last year in guards Katrina Martin and Catherine Scanlon. The team was last in field goal percentage last year in the CAA and must improve that if they want to make the leap to the next level.

### Towson

Coach: Joe Mathews 9-19 (1-17)

The Tigers return their top three scorers from a year ago, led by guard Kacy O'Brien. If the Tigers are to make a dent in the CAA this season, they have to cut down on the 19 turnovers per game they committed last season.

BY ALEX EISENBERG/contributor



## BARBOSA: Third-leading scorer returns for more



CAROLYN WALSER/senior photographer  
Sophomore guard Ray Barbosa dribbles down court in the first half of a preseason exhibition.

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move without the ball more and coming off ball screens," Barbosa said. "I've also learned not to waste so much time dribbling. Now it's one or two dribbles, shoot, one or two dribbles, drive, one or two dribbles, pass."

While Keener agreed that Barbosa was becoming a more complete player, he emphasized that it wouldn't take away from his natural scoring ability.

"We've definitely worked on helping him become multidimensional in terms of learning to play without the basketball and not just being a jump shooter," Keener said. "These are aspects which will make him a better scorer than he already is."

Upon Keener's hiring, Barbosa said he knew he needed to adjust to a new system that differed from former coach Sherman Dillard's. So far, Barbosa said, the transition has been easy.

"We love coach Keener's offense," Barbosa said. "We're definitely pushing the ball more, trying to get more fast breaks. We do have to be better conditioned though."

Even if Barbosa becomes the great player people believe he can be, his teammates don't expect much trash talking. Freeman said Barbosa's quiet demeanor both on and off the court.

"In terms of his personality, the main thing stands out about him is how quiet he is," Freeman said. "He's very soft spoken, but you can't mistake his kindness for weakness on the court."

With every season comes new expectations. Barbosa emphasized however, that the team shouldn't waste their time worrying about those expectations or anybody else's.

"Obviously, we have higher expectations, but we're older," Barbosa said. "We can't go out there worrying about expectations and constantly looking up at the score. We just have to worry about going out there and taking good shots and doing all the things we need to do in order to win games."



EVIN SHOAF/senior photographer

Sophomore center Meredith Alexis practices her sky hook against senior center Krystal Brooks.

## ALEXIS: Sophomore garners preseason CAA accolades

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"I definitely worked on my offensive game," Alexis said. "I want to have some kind of moves."

In 2003-'04, Alexis led the Dukes in field goal percentage, shooting 54.1 percent from the floor. Sophomore guard Lesley Dickinson led the team in scoring average with 15.4 points per game. In 2004-'05, it's about getting Alexis the ball more.

"She did a good job working on her inside game [in the off-season]," Brooks said. "She has much more presence. Last year, she was second in the

league in field goal percentage, so we want to get her the ball as much as possible."

*I want to have some kind of moves.*

— Meredith Alexis  
sophomore center

To close last season, Alexis was named to the All-CAA, third team. To begin this sea-

son, she was promoted and named to the preseason All-CAA, second team.

"It's an honor, but I still want to strive for that first team," Alexis said.

Alexis and the Dukes open their season in the home confines of the Convocation Center Nov. 23 against the Atlantic Coast Conference's Virginia Tech. Tip is set for 7 p.m.

"I think we are going to make some noise," Alexis said. "People will be surprised, and I think we can take it all the way this year."

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## ACROSS THE NATION

### Kmart, Sears create third largest retailer

CHICAGO (AP) — Kmart Holding Corp. and Sears, Roebuck and Co. announced a merger agreement Wednesday that will create the nation's third-largest retail company, called Sears Holdings Corporation.

The companies said Sears Holdings will have approximately \$55 billion in annual revenues, 2,350 full-line and off-mall stores, and 1,100 specialty retail stores. It will be headquartered in the northwestern Chicago suburb of Hoffman Estates, but will maintain a "significant presence" in Troy, Mich., where Kmart is based.

Under the agreement, which was unanimously approved by both companies' boards of directors, Kmart shareholders will receive one share of new Sears Holdings stock for each Kmart share. Sears, Roebuck shareholders can choose \$50 in cash or half a share of Sears Holdings stock in a deal valued at \$11 billion.

### Russia develops new nuclear missile systems

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that Russia is developing a new form of nuclear missile unlike those held by other countries, news agencies reported.

Speaking at a meeting of the Armed Forces' leadership, Putin reportedly said that Russia is researching and successfully testing new nuclear missile systems.

"I am sure that ... they will be put in service within the next few years and, what is more, they will be developments of the kind that other nuclear powers do not and will not have," Putin was quoted as saying by the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Putin reportedly said, "International terrorism is one of the major threats for Russia. We understand as soon as we ignore such components of our defense as a nuclear and missile shield, other threats may occur."

### British aid worker's family mourns loss

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — British and Irish leaders on Wednesday condemned the apparent slaying of a British aid worker who would be the first foreign woman killed in the wave of kidnappings that have beset Iraq.

Margaret Hassan's family in London said Tuesday they believe she was the blindfolded woman shown being shot in the head by a hooded militant on a video obtained but not aired by Al-Jazeera television.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair expressed sympathy for Hassan's family, saying he shares the family's "abhorrence at the cruel treatment of someone who devoted so many years of their life to helping the people of Iraq."

Hassan, 59, headed the Iraqi operations of CARE International and had lived in the country for 30 years. She was abducted Oct. 19 from her car in Baghdad. No group has claimed responsibility.

CARE said it was in "mourning" for Hassan, who worked for decades providing food, medicine and humanitarian aid to Iraqis. The aid group, which has closed its Iraq operations since the kidnapping, said it was "with profound sadness" that it learned of the video.

The European Union said Hassan's reported murder would make relief efforts "almost impossible" to carry out in Iraq.

## Bush names Rice secretary of state



President Bush, right, looks on as National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, left, speaks to the press, after Bush announced that Rice was his choice as Secretary of State, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, in Washington. Rice is replacing Secretary of State Colin Powell.

By SCOTT LINDLAW  
Associated Press

President Bush on Tuesday picked National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, who once tutored him on global affairs, to be his top diplomat, saying her foreign-policy experience and struggle against racism uniquely qualified her to be America's "face to the world" as secretary of state.

"In Dr. Rice, the world will see the strength, the grace and the decency of our country," Bush said.

Rice will face major challenges across the foreign policy spectrum, trying to advance peace between Israel and the Palestinians, foster democracy in Iraq and persuade North Korea and Iran to step back from suspected nuclear-weapons programs. She is considered more of a hardliner than Secretary of State Colin Powell, who was out of step with more hawkish members of Bush's national security team.

In a Roosevelt Room announcement, Bush made plain that terrorism and the Middle East conflict topped his list of foreign-policy priorities. Rice's eyes welled with tears as the president cited her "deep, abiding belief in the value and power of liberty, because she has seen freedom denied and freedom reborn."

Bush also chose longtime domestic policy adviser Margaret Spellings to replace Rod Paige as education secretary, administration officials said. Spellings helped shape Bush's school agenda when he was Texas governor and again when he assumed the presidency.

Rice was careful to say nothing about how she would oversee the State Department, its nearly 30,000 employees and its 265 posts around the world.

"It is humbling to imagine succeeding my dear friend and mentor, Colin Powell. He is one of the finest public servants our nation has ever produced," Rice said.

Her cautious remarks reflected the potential minefield she faces in Senate confirmation hearings, likely to come the second week of December.

Sitting silently in the first row at Bush's announcement was the president's pick to succeed Rice as national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, who served with Rice for four years.

## State Department could be center in foreign policy

By BARRY SCHWEID  
Associated Press

Condoleezza Rice has been both protégé and mentor to President Bush in his first four years in the White House. So he is bound to feel comfortable with the former Stanford University provost running the State Department.

They chat easily and interchangeably, without a hint of divergence, about perceived threats to U.S. national security. There is no reason to expect that comity to falter.

The outlook is for a more secure Bush, spared Secretary of State Colin Powell's steady stream of

reminders about the impact that a unilateral and aggressive foreign policy might have on friends and foes around the world.

"She is very able," Zbigniew Brzezinski, former President Carter's national security adviser, said of Rice on Tuesday.

But in a cautionary note, Brzezinski questioned whether the complexity of America's situation in the world should be reduced to "grand formulas" that are hostile to nuances.

"You cannot reduce everything to the global war on terrorism," Brzezinski said in an interview.

Rice has never indicated publicly any difference in

view with him. She helped Bush respond to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks by declaring war on terrorism, and she had a hand in plotting the war on Iraq.

The faulty intelligence, that Saddam Hussein had hidden caches of weapons of mass destruction passed through her hands to the president, but that is unlikely to slow her confirmation.

On Tuesday, there was no sign of any serious opposition to Rice's nomination in the Republican-controlled Senate.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, pledged to speed her approval, saying Rice

"brings extraordinary talents and a gamut of experience to her new responsibilities." He is trying to arrange a confirmation hearing for sometime between Dec. 6 and Dec. 8.

The senior Democrat on the committee, Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware, called Bush's selection of Rice a "sound choice."

Brzezinski said, meanwhile, "Her appointment means the center of gravity in foreign policy-making is shifting to the Department of State."

Vice President Dick Cheney will remain a player, Brzezinski said, but Rice "will have a platform. She will be the voice."

## Armed group kidnaps 31 police; car bomb, clashes with insurgents leave 10 dead north of Baghdad

By KATARINA KRATOVA  
Associated Press

An armed group kidnapped 31 Iraqi policemen who were returning training in Jordan, authorities said Wednesday, and a suicide car bomber rammed a U.S. convoy north of Baghdad, killing 10 people, hospital officials said.

The attacks were part of a wave of violence that has swept across Iraq's Sunni Arab heartland during the U.S. offensive to retake the insurgent

bastion of Fallujah. The violence has made November one of the bloodiest months of the Iraqi insurgency.

The American death toll in the war in Iraq surpassed 1,200 with new Defense Department identifications Tuesday night and Wednesday. The total of 1,206 deaths included 1,202 identified members of the U.S. military, three military civilians and one unidentified soldier reported to have died Tuesday in Balad.

The police officers were

abducted Sunday, when gunmen stormed the hotel the officers were staying at in the town of Rutba, near the Jordanian border, said a police spokesman in the city of Karbala, south of Baghdad.

A Karbala policeman returning from Rutba said around 20 armed men attacked the hotel, covering the captives' heads with black bags and tying their hands before dragging them away, the spokesman said.

The gunmen took the mo-

bile phones, cameras and documents from the unarmed policemen, the officer recounted to the spokesman. The officer himself said he was beaten but not kidnapped by the gunmen.

Most of the policemen were from Diyala province, which lies north and east of Baghdad, the spokesman said.

The car bomb came during clashes in Beiji, a city 155 miles north of the capital, witnesses said. The vehicle hit a convoy and exploded, then U.S. soldiers opened fire.

## Film industry files first wave of lawsuits

By GARY GENTILE  
Associated Press

Following the lead of record companies who curtailed rampant Internet piracy by targeting even small-time file swappers, Hollywood studios have launched a first wave of lawsuits against people who allegedly downloaded recent films such as "Spider-Man 2" and "Troy."

The seven major studios filed the lawsuits for federal copyright infringement on Tuesday in Denver, New York City, San Francisco and St. Louis. Lawsuits may have been filed in other cities, but the Motion Picture Association of America, which represents the studios, declined to say how many were filed and where.

"It's not important," said John Malcolm, senior vice president and director of worldwide anti-piracy operations for the MPAA. "It doesn't matter if it's 10 lawsuits or 500 lawsuits. The idea here is that there is no safe harbor."

Three lawsuits, obtained by The Associated Press, were filed in federal courts in Denver and St. Louis. Two lawsuits were filed in Denver against 22 defendants, while the one in St. Louis targets 18 individuals.

Like similar lawsuits filed by the record industry against downloaders of music files, the studios say they will be able to identify the individual defendants later.



Kathleen O'DeKirk and her dog, Winston, enjoy a moment after running on Tuesday in Chicago. People looking for a way to lose weight may want to trade in pills for a pooch and a good night's rest.

## Experts recommend dogs, sleep for better weight loss

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
Associated Press

Experts have this unconventional advice for dieters: Don't scrimp on sleep and think about getting a dog.

A very large study has found a surprisingly strong link between the amount of shut-eye people get and their risk of becoming obese. Researchers also found that dog owners who dieted alongside their pets did slightly better than their dogless counterparts.

Both studies were reported this week at a meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity.

The sleep study found that people who got less than four hours of sleep a night were 73 percent more likely to be obese than those who got the recommended seven to nine hours of rest. Those who averaged five hours of sleep had 50 percent greater risk, and those who got six hours had 23 percent more.

"Maybe there's a window of opportunity for helping people sleep more, and maybe that would help their weight," said Dr. Steven Heymsfield of Columbia University and St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York, who did the study with Columbia epidemiologist James Gangwisch.



## HOUSE EDITORIAL

# Late students insult permissive professors and fellow students

Class begins at 8 a.m. At 8:02, the first perpetrators enter. "The Hillside lot was full," one mumbles. "So was the gravel lot," explains another. Their tolerant professor nods and class continues.

At 8:05, a second group of stragglers joins. "My computer ate my paper," one says. "And my printer broke," offers another. Interrupted for a second time, the professor restarts the lecture.

At 8:17, with heads bowed, the worst perpetrators enter. Some attempt to hide the steaming Java City cups underneath their jackets and behind their bags. Most say nothing. Though they appear shameful, that first sip of coffee must subdue the instinctual impulses to apologize for their tardiness. In a 50-minute class, the first 15 minutes of lecture are missed or interrupted. Still, the much-too-patient professor restarts and so begins another class.

This trend worsens as final's week

nears. What once were isolated incidents have become an epidemic. More students seem to arrive late and fewer professors seem to care.

Day after day, hordes of students ignore the seldom-enforced expectations of promptness placed upon them by well meaning professors. But beyond the expectations of the school, students have come to ignore a fundamental expectation of society. When did it become OK to be late?

Sure, some situations present valid excuses. Emergencies do happen. Cars break, flu season sets in and, sometimes, religious practices conflict with class schedules. But these are rare and to claim that missing class for a coffee fix is insulting to both professors and peers. Even the classic "my dog ate my homework" line seems more socially acceptable than the lame assertion that a morning cup of coffee or broken

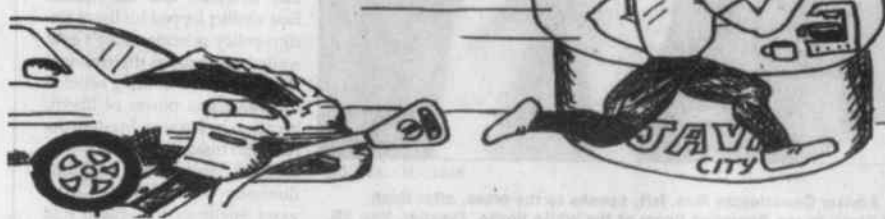
printer should excuse tardiness.

Rarely are valid excuses offered by the hordes of students who eventually decide to show for class. Most don't even explain at all. It is this lack of respect that is most alarming.

Students on this campus are known for their courteousness. We open doors, we smile and say "hello," and regularly the Darts & Pats are filled with sincere "thank you's" to this or that kind Samaritan. Why are professors seldom granted the same respect with which we acknowledge fellow students?

To cure this epidemic, both students and professors must be held accountable. We applaud the professors who

refuse to tolerate tardiness. We regret that more don't strictly enforce attendance and late policies. Students, too, must be responsible for their own success. Stop with the appalling excuses and go to class on time. Your professors will thank you for it.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Weekend double punching not economical

In the past three and a half years, I have attended JMU and the chief complaint (next to parking) that I have encountered is the no double punching on weekends policy. As Student Representative to the Board of Visitors, I finally had the chance to bring our double-punching plight before the Board. I told them we felt deceived that Dining Services refused to let us double punch on the weekends, and that it was obvious they were making some profit from unprovided services. I soon had a meeting lined up with the school administration and district manager of ARAMARK. However, instead of taking down "the man" in my seemingly fail-safe cry for justice, I was rather humbled.

I was enlightened that JMU is the only public university that allows double punches at all. This convenience actually slightly inflates our meal plan prices because of a smaller missed meal factor. Every dining service provider factors in missed meals and thus is able to keep students' meal plans reasonably priced. Cleve Myers, the director of Dining Services, explained to me that its seeming monopoly over JMU's dining was actually closely monitored by the university and there are limitations in the profit they are allowed to make. On top of that, dining profits are split between the university and ARAMARK.

I have asked Dining Services to post their double-punch rationale online to increase student access and save future freshmen from enduring such great anguish.

Hunter Hanger  
senior, business administration major  
Student Representative to the  
Board of Visitors

Questions, ideas or complaints that you would like to see brought before the Board can be e-mailed to hangerhd

### LiveStrong' parody distasteful

Lance Armstrong is considered by most to be a great champion and one thing that is not debatable is that he survived cancer. After his ordeal, he created the Lance Armstrong Foundation to fulfill four main goals—education, advocacy, public health and research. The foundation achieves these goals with fund-raising efforts, through corporate and private donations, the annual Ride for the Roses Weekend, and finally, via the sale of the yellow LiveStrong armbands. During the last few weeks, a fraternity in the College of Business has decided to parody the foundation by selling shirts to raise money that read "Madison" on the front and "PARTYSTRONG" on the back. I find this very distasteful and disrespectful to anyone who lives with cancer or has been affected by it.

Parodying an organization whose intent is to provide individuals facing a possible terminal illness with options and information to

help them live is not humorous. By selling or wearing the shirt, you are diluting the meaning of the foundation and what it stands for. However, I am missing one key argument on the fraternity's behalf—10 percent of the profits will be donated to a non-profit organization. I guess giving 10 percent of the profits to a cancer foundation makes parodying their illness acceptable.

Here is a challenge to the fraternity—sell the remaining shirts and give 100 percent of the proceeds to charity and take the loss. Then think of something more creative to sell that does not insult the cancer community.

David Crippen  
sophomore, accounting major

### Not all women dream of marriage

I was struck by the article "A marriage for the magazines" by Ashley McClelland on Nov. 11. It's true—a lot of little girls do dream of weddings and it's incredible that the couple won such a large sum of money for theirs; weddings are expensive these days. I'm happy for the couple. What I want to say is that not all girls just dream of a wedding (not that you were saying that, but it bothered me). Why do little boys play as policemen and soldiers, but girls act out weddings? I even saw a Halloween costume at Wal-mart called "pretty bride." As opposed to what? We tell our boys to be superheroes and our girls to get married. I wasn't one of the ones on the playground having mock weddings or planning mine out. As a little girl, I wanted to be an astronaut or president or go to college at Yale. I wanted to help people and change the world. I still do.

Don't get me wrong—I think weddings and marriage are fabulous. I hope to be married someday. But too often as women we think that marriage is everything and go "hunting" for guys, changing ourselves in the process to become what he wants and not what we were meant to be. Why? I'm more excited about being in love with someone and spending the rest of my life with him than actually planning the day we start that life together. But that's just me.

Emily Daigneau  
senior, communication studies major

### 'Debate' overlooks daughter's plight

While reading the debate concerning Laura Rogers in the Nov. 15 issue, I was disappointed to find that none of the arguments mentioned the daughter as an important factor. The battering of a woman is wrong by all counts—there is no reason that should ever occur. Whether or not abuse justifies murder is not the point I am trying to make. Murder is an end of being, there is no argument there. However, when rape occurs, there is no end to being—often there is someone who, for the rest of their lives, will be emotionally impacted and the rape of a child is no different. When a child is raped, especially by a trusted figure, this can cripple them for the rest of

their lives. In this case having a functioning relationship during a time when children begin to learn of relationships cannot happen. This is a crime that no law can ever heal—the man may go to prison, but the effect stays.

So, does the rape of a child justify murder? Put a personal spin on it when asking this. If you had a younger sibling, or you had a child and he or she was forcibly raped, would the murder be justifiable? Legally, rape and pedophilia are not punishable by life in prison. Where is the guarantee that when released, this person would not repeat his former crime?

God bless Laura Rogers for protecting her child, and bless Judge Hackner for recognizing that.

Kellan Hancock  
Senior, theater and dance major

### Bush receives no mandate

A mandate from voters would have been when Reagan was re-elected and he carried NY and Massachusetts, two of the most liberal states in the country. Considering President Bush won the electoral vote by 120,000 votes in Ohio, I would hardly say that validates Jonathan Kelly quoting Caesar in his column on Nov. 11.

Jordan Crotty  
JMU Alumnus '04

### Bush must move to center

In "President receives mandate from nation," on Nov. 15, Jonathan Kelly argues that by receiving a slight majority of the vote, President Bush has a mandate to proceed with his conservative agenda.

This is absolutely absurd. Kelly notes Bush received the largest number of popular votes in the history of the United States. With voter turnout slightly higher than the 2000 election, a polarized country, no strong third party candidate, and an increase in population, of course the president had the largest number of popular votes this land has ever seen. If one looks at the other side, Bush was also voted against more than any other candidate in the history of the United States.

Kelly also claims that since President Clinton only received 43 percent of the total vote in 1992 and was unofficially given a mandate

by Time magazine has a mandate as president to carry out his ultra-conservative agenda. In 1992, Ross Perot took 20 percent of the vote, taking away any real chances at obtaining a majority of the popular vote. Even with this, Clinton received 6 percent more of the popular vote than George H.W. Bush. Also, it is fair to note that Clinton's agenda was very moderate and the election was during peacetime.

Bush must go toward the middle if he wants to unite this country instead of further dividing the electorate for the next election. His mandate is a weak one at best, and he should strive to unite all of America.

Sharif Hannan  
junior, political science major

### Democrats need not change values

I became infuriated after reading Adam Sharp's editorial in the Nov. 15 issue claiming the Democrats must become more conservative and must surrender some of their principles in order to win. He claimed that the fact people voted on "moral issues" makes it apparent Democrats will be unable to win future elections. The last thing Democrats should do is give up our beliefs in order to lure voters. We have beliefs that every American can relate to—we just didn't articulate them well enough in this past election.

Democrats have moral and family values that they believe in, but instead of talking about our values, we only responded to the Republicans' values. In order to win the next election we must talk about our values and ask that the Republicans address their plans to deal with societal problems. It is morally imperative to honor the environment and ensure that our children's children have a clean place to live. It is a family value to ensure that children have access to education. It is moral value to believe that those less fortunate than us need our support. It is a moral value to believe that neighbors ought to love and respect one another, including our foreign neighbors. It is a family value to ensure that all Americans have access to health care.

Democrats should never give up their principles. How Democratic is that? What we need to do is articulate them in a fresh way.

Katherine Rose  
senior, political science major  
president, JMU College Democrats

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## So I Was Thinking ...

## Halfway point of college cause for reminiscence, looking forward

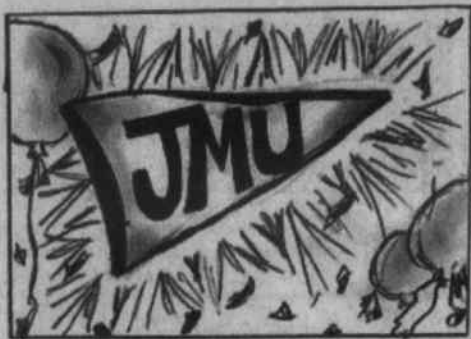
ASHLEY LUSK  
staff writer

Today I came upon a small container of Play-Doh. Now, this phenomenon may have passed you by as a child, but for me, it was the epitome of what it meant to be youthful. As I opened the pink-lidded top, the familiar odor of the soft stuff made me smile.

Much like Play-Doh, JMU also holds many memories for me that can be triggered by something as simple as the sound of the marching band blowing through the campus.

I've officially been at JMU for five semesters. Being halfway done with my time here gives me an advantage; I'm neither too nostalgic — like most seniors — nor too blinded by novelty — as are most freshmen. I feel I can be completely honest with you in what I'm about to say: Your time here will fly by. When you are where I am now, you're going to have a million memories, a hundred things you've learned about yourself, 15 dining locations that you either love or hate and, if you're lucky, some really great friends.

For better or worse, you will have a major and hopefully you'll be done with General Education. You'll have your favorite spot on campus, you'll have had the residence hall experience and possibly even had the off-campus experience. You'll have joined some organizations and you'll have hopefully shed some of that weight you gained freshman year. Maybe you'll have a mentor. Perhaps you'll have



fallen in love, fallen out of love or still be waiting for love.

You'll have learned the best times to visit Java City to avoid the crowds, that Thursdays aren't complete without grilled cheese and that sometimes the best party is you, your pillow and your favorite movie. You'll know all-nighters intimately, the same way you will know your student ID, mailbox combination and annually changing telephone number. Buildings will be constructed while you are here and pretty soon you'll forget what the campus looked like without them. You'll know that the JMU Fight Song plays from the cupola at 5 p.m. every day and that the smells are just part of the charm.

But what you might not know is that the real world is just outside your window, and it's creeping up on you. Soon enough, you're going to be shocked that you only have a few semesters left and you'll be in the frustrating position of holding on and letting go. Knowing this looms ahead, I advise you to prepare now.

Take pictures so you can laugh at yourself and your popped collar one day. Do the all-nighter tomorrow if it means you get to hang out with your friends tonight. Get to know your professor beyond class — ask him or her to be your mentor. Tune in to WXJM to listen to your fellow students. Go to more than one game a season and catch a team besides football. Visit the Academic and Career Advising Center now because it's never too early to start planning. Chat with the people who serve you every day — talk to Betty from D-hall and Virginia from Dukes. But, most importantly, take the time to smell the roses, or, in our case, the dog food. I'm telling you this now so that you still have a semester — or maybe seven — to get in all the good stuff. Because one day something — maybe the familiar sight of purple and gold — will trigger your memories of JMU. It's up to you now to decide what they will be.

Ashley Lusk is a junior communication studies major.

## BREEZE PERSPECTIVES

## Thanksgiving time to appreciate others

CAROLYN TELESKO  
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A succulent platter of assorted foods and delightful aromas may appeal to your eyes and nose at your destination of thanks this year, but before you plunge into a thick wedge of pumpkin heaven, ponder the purpose of your family reunion.

Is your bountiful feast simply an excuse to become as stuffed as the bird before your eyes? Is it to see unfamiliar faces seated around an elaborate cornucopia? Or is it to celebrate the discovery of an incredibly diverse nation and give thanks to various gods bestowing us with vitality and animation?

As a 5-year-old in kindergarten, I was persuaded to list at least 10 items I was thankful for during turkey season. I thought long and hard and sincerely scribbled down that I was thankful for my pet frog who mundanely floated from side to side in her rectangular tank in my room. Although my priorities were out of order as a naive youth, I think that I was on the right track. It appears that the older we get — especially in teen years — the more selfish and gluttonous we become during Thanksgiving. As the ride board becomes cluttered with beggars who need a hitch home, pause to see if you may be heading in a helpless freshman's route north. Take a moment to wish your roommates a safe

and happy trip home instead of hastily plunging your precious key into the lock and slinking off to catch a leaving ride. We need to open our minds, donate canned foods and time at local soup kitchens and seriously ponder what it is we are thankful for as citizens in America.

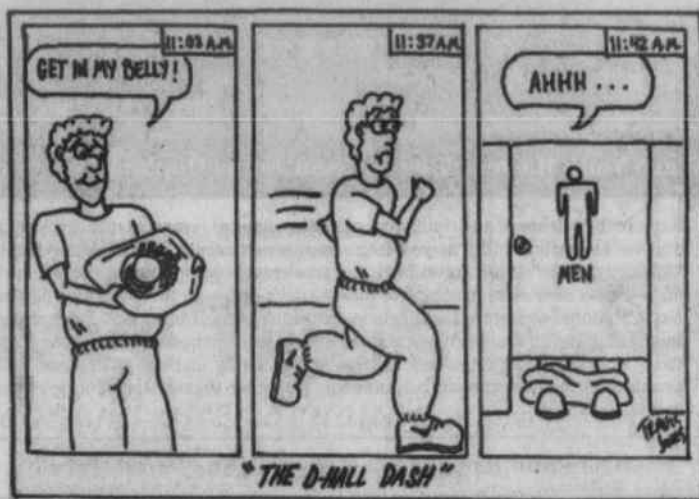
Are you thankful that you are passing macroeconomics this semester? Are you thankful that you haven't caught the flu or numerous other illnesses that meander through the JMU campus? Life, friends, family and health should be on your mind instead of luscious cranberry sauce, moist cornbread and homemade broccoli casserole. Particular attention should be paid to life, especially as an American college student. The opportunity to receive a higher education does not pounce on every high school graduate. Be appreciative. Although my pudgy 5-year-old fingers have been replaced with slender adolescent ones plunking out these sentences on my laptop keyboard, I will always reflect upon what I am thankful for during Thanksgiving and the rest of the year. Relish your week at home with your family and cherish the inviting embrace of your own pillow and relaxing sandal-free shower. Have a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving, and don't forget to say a prayer for the sacrificed turkey gleaming in the center of your dining room table.

Carolyn Telesko is a freshman psychology major.

## THE INKWELL



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## DARTS &amp; Pats

E-mail darts and pats to breeze@hotmail.com. Darts & Pats are submitted anonymously and printed on a space-available basis. Submissions are based upon one person's opinion of a given situation, person or event and do not necessarily reflect the truth.

A "thanks-for-seeing-if-I-was-dead" pat to the nice girl and guy that checked on me after I wrecked my bike on the Godwin bridge.

From a junior who thinks it's great you made sure he was OK before laughing at what must have been a hilarious crash.

A "thanks-for-attempting-to-use-me-as-a-sled-down-the-stairs" dart to the resident of my hall who managed to knock me down a whole flight of stairs.

From a badly bruised freshman who managed to hit every stair on the way down.

A "thanks-for-reminding-me-what-eighth-grade-feels-like" dart to everyone at the "Alexander" premiere Tuesday night who couldn't handle the idea of homosexuality.

From someone who wishes you guys could grow beyond your own insecurities and remember that the ancient Greeks lived in a very different culture from ours.

An "it-was-disappointing-to-sit-with-you" dart to the depressing fans in pay seats at the football game.

From a student who couldn't fit into the student section and was given dirty looks from all the people across the field.

A "thanks-for-reminding-us" dart to whomsoever is responsible for leaving the scoreboard on the whole weekend after the football game when it's usually turned off right after the game.

From a heartbroken senior who wishes he didn't have to go to bed every night seeing 24-27 outside his bedroom window.

A "shut-your-yapper" dart to every individual in the library who thinks that the "no cell phones" sign doesn't apply to them.

From a junior girl who remembers when the library was a quiet place to study.

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## Men's cross country sixth

BY ORRIN KONHEIM  
contributing writer

Led by senior Ted Herbert and junior Allen Carr, the JMU men's cross country team took sixth place in Saturday's regional race in Greenville, N.C.

Herbert and Carr earned all-regional honors, finishing the 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) race in 12th and 19th places, respectively.

In the race's opening stretch, Carr, in second place, stayed on the heels of race leader, Liberty University's Josh McDoogal.

"My strategy was to go out in the front and see how long I can stay there," Carr said.

Herbert and sophomore C.W. Moran caught up to Carr after the first kilometer. Running close together, Herbert came in through the 3-mile mark with a time of 14:36, with Carr and Moran a second behind.

"Because it was a bigger field, we were supposed to just run our own races," Herbert said. "But because we're so used to it, we ended up just running together anyway."

Shortly after the 3-mile mark, the field began to widen. Herbert stayed in the front pack, coming through in a time of 30:33, just 12 seconds away from qualifying for the national championship.

"Last year, I just missed being all-region," Herbert said. "So this year it was important to get the all-region spot."

Carr came through the finish line with a time of 30:54, followed by Moran in 31:17. The team also received significant help from sophomore Bryan Backland, who broke into the top 50, placing 49th.

"Looking back, we were trying to get those next group of guys into the top 50," Herbert said. "So that was significant that Bryan was able to do that."

Junior Nick Noe, freshman Ted Stevenson, and freshman James Printz rounded out the top 7 for the Dukes.

## Women's cross country seventh

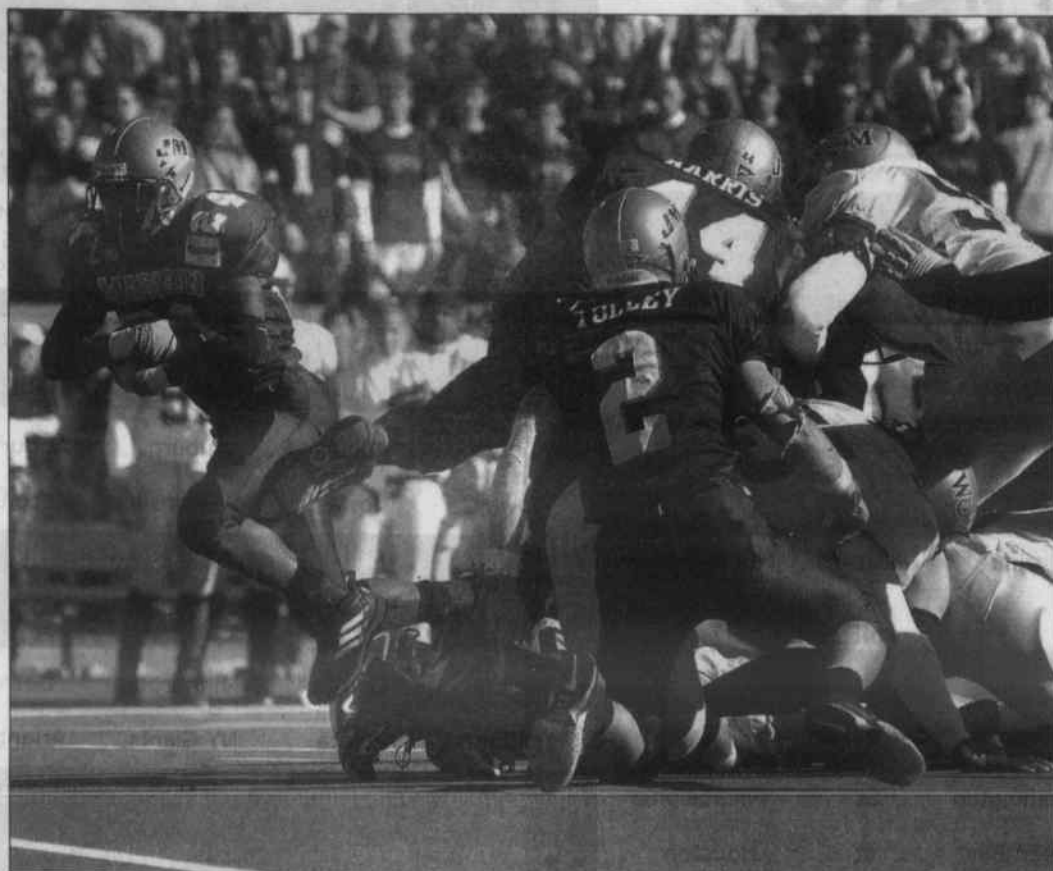
BY ORRIN KONHEIM  
contributing writer

Junior Shannon Saunders qualified for the national championships at Saturday's cross country regional championship in Greenville, N.C. Saunders lead her team to a seventh place finish overall.

Her fourth place finish was the highest in school history. She covered the 6-kilometer course in 20:29 to earn the second of four individual qualifying slots.

Saunders, fresh off her victory at the Colonial Athletic Conference Championships will head to the National Championships for the first time in her cross country career, although she qualified in outdoor track this past spring, placing 16th in her event.

"Everyone else did very well," Saunders said. "We placed higher than in past years."



Redshirt junior Raymond Hines breaks through the hole in Saturday's 27-24 home loss to the College of William & Mary. The Dukes travel to Baltimore this weekend to challenge Towson University in their final regular season game of the year.

FILE PHOTO

## Dukes look to cage Tigers

JMU hits road in attempt to rebound after deflating loss to William & Mary Tribe at home Saturday

BY JAMES IRWIN  
sports editor

JMU looks to rebound after last weekend's 27-24 loss to the College of William & Mary when it takes on the Towson University Tigers Saturday in Baltimore.

The Dukes, ranked No. 9 in the SportsNetwork and No. 8 in the ESPN/USA Today are 8-2 overall and 7-1 in the Atlantic 10. They need a win over Towson to have a chance at hosting a playoff game.

"I think this game's big for all the obvious reasons," coach Mickey Matthews said. "We can't go up there and lose and we can't afford to have a poor performance because

it could cost us a first round playoff game."

JMU can still earn the A-10's automatic bid to the NCAA playoffs. A JMU win over Towson and a William & Mary loss to the University of Richmond will result in the Dukes getting the automatic bid.

However, this means JMU will need help. If JMU, William & Mary and the University of Delaware hold serve, the Tribe gets the automatic bid.

"If everyone wins, we'll all tie for the conference championship," Matthews said. "William & Mary will get the automatic invite from the Atlantic 10 because all of it's wins are against I-AA programs. One of our wins was against a Division II team and

the same goes for Delaware."

Even if the Dukes do not earn the automatic bid, Matthews said his team deserves at least one home game if it beats the Tigers.

"We'd be 9-2," Matthews said. "We lost to a potential BCS school [West Virginia University] and we lost on a 46-yard field goal into the wind. If we beat Towson, I think we deserve two home games."

Despite needing help from the Tribe to earn the automatic invite, Matthews said his team is focused on the task at hand.

"The only thing we have control over is our game Saturday," Matthews said. "We're going to focus on that."

In doing that, Matthews

said the Dukes will not underestimate the Tigers, despite their 3-7 record.

"They've struggled as of late," Matthews said. "But they have enough speed on offense to concern you. They have some receivers that can run and their quarterback can throw the ball."

Towson also sports two talented defensive backs in P.D. Moore and Allante Harrison.

"Towson leads the A-10 in pass defense," Matthews said. "They have two defensive backs, Moore and Harrison, who can play for anyone in the country at any level."

The Dukes and the Tigers kick off at 1 p.m. with JMU playoff implications on the line.

## Men's soccer passed over for NCAAs

BY JORDAN SCAMBOS  
staff writer

After piling up a 12-0-1 record and reaching as high as the No. 8 ranked team in the country, JMU was denied a bid to the NCAA's 48-team national championship tournament.

The decision was difficult for the team to cope with.

"Not getting into the NCAAs is definitely the low point of the season," coach Tom Martin said.

Despite an unbeaten streak which gave the Dukes the nation's highest winning percentage, three losses in their last six games lead to an elimination from NCAA tournament consideration.

Two of those three losses were to Old Dominion University, who earned a first round bye in the tournament. JMU has not defeated ODU away from Harrisonburg in 10 years. Hofstra University, the Colonial Athletic Association's champion, was responsible for the Dukes' other loss.

After beginning such a successful season, the team now looks for reasons why they were left without an invitation.

"There were very few 'at-large' bids available for us," Martin said. "A lot of upsets in conference tournaments meant great teams were having to use 'at-large' bids to gain entry into the tournament."

Virginia Commonwealth University, like JMU, lost in the first round of the CAA tournament and lost at JMU 3-1 this season. The Rams earned a No. 16 seed and a first round bye in the NCAA tournament.

At the end of the season, JMU was ranked in all four of the national top 25 rankings and was in the top 25 on the Sagarin ratings, a computer-based ranking system.

The season's disappointingly abrupt end will not keep the Dukes from getting better.

"We learned this season that every game is significant," Martin said. "We will work this offseason on maintaining our focus over 90 minutes for every game."

"We will also work on developing a hungrier attitude as a team and as individuals."

With its failures came a number of great accomplishments for the team this season.

"To crack the top 20 in the end of September and to hold a spot there for the rest of the season was a great accomplishment for us," Martin said.

"This team was not only talented but, more importantly, a great group of guys who really believed in themselves. They made the year fly by."

With this disappointment as the Dukes' fuel and a top class of recruits on the horizon, the team looks to improve on this season's successes.



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Sophomore midfielder Mark Totten dribbles down field. He was named All-CAA first team along with two teammates.

## Student tickets not free

JMU hunts for possible home game

BY BRANDON SWEENEY  
contributing writer

If you are planning to come back from break early to watch the Dukes play in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs, bring your wallet. The NCAA is the governing body over the playoff system and by their order, the lowest possible ticket price is \$5. For students, that means no more walking in with just your JAC card.

"This is not the athletic marketing program trying to make money off of a JMU playoff game," said Brad Edmondson, the director of athletics marketing. "This is by NCAA mandate."

The official playoff schedule will be released Sunday at noon. Assuming JMU receives a home game, an e-mail will be sent on how to obtain tickets.

"Students will be able to pick up tickets," said Mike Carpenter, director of athletic ticketing.

Assuming JMU is awarded a home game, the ticket office will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day, starting Monday, Nov. 21 through game day but will be closed Thanksgiving, Carpenter said.

The ticket office is located in the Convocation Center. On game day, tickets can be purchased at the gate.

As per the General Championship Information 2004-05 (I-AA) Handbook on the NCAA football Web site, "Admission shall be charged at all NCAA championships."

Ticket prices may be "scaled" based on the location of the seats, according to the handbook. Faculty members will be charged regular admission prices.

For returning on-campus students, residence halls will be open.

"If JMU does host a playoff game on Saturday, Nov. 27, the residence halls will open at noon that day for students who wish to attend the game," said Maggie Burkhardt Evans, Director of Residence Life. "We will recommend that residence hall students go straight to the game and move into the halls following the game. A group of dedicated RAs and hall directors will be paid to give up some of their holiday break and return to work early in the event a game is hosted at JMU."



FILE PHOTO

The JMU faithful have shown up in record numbers this year, breaking the season attendance record by 3,000. The new mark is 76,739, which broke the old of 73,200.



Hail the return of the Picks of the Week commentary. Commentarium is Latin for commentary. And if you happen to be a professor, student or even know anything about Latin, please disregard the former claim and move along, move along.

Kelly is sad because a week ago, she turned in the first undefeated week this year at 8-0 and there was no literature lauding her accomplishment. We shall now pause to give Kelly a silent ovation of our thoughts — too bad she couldn't keep it up last week as she stumbled in with a 3-5 mark.

Also, because of the absence of these musings, those who read may have been wondering why there was an asterisk beside Fargo's name and all her information. It is because she is disqualified for using our opinion editor to pick her picks. I hope she's happy.

Sharon, the news intern, is the guest predictor this week.

In related current events, the Sports Department is also looking for an intern as indicated by the ads placed throughout our part of the paper — so if you are interested, let us know.

## Football Picks OF THE Week

Week # 12			Season Totals	59-25	55-29	46-38	47-36	56-28
			Last Week	5-3	6-2	4-4	3-5	4-4
			Win Percentage	.702	.654	.547	.559	.666
Visiting Team		Home Team						
NCAA								
JMU	at	Towson	JMU	JMU	JMU	JMU	JMU	
Auburn	at	Alabama	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	
Wisconsin	at	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	
Florida	at	Florida State	Florida	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	
NFL								
Detroit	at	Minnesota	Detroit	Detroit	Minnesota	Detroit	Minnesota	
Atlanta	at	NY Giants	NY Giants	Atlanta	NY Giants	Atlanta	NY Giants	
Washington	at	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	
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## WOMEN: Saunders takes fourth

WOMEN, from page 18

The southeast region has traditionally been competitive. Four schools from the region, the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University, Duke University and Wake Forest University finished in the top 21 at nationals last year.

"It's very good competition, so it's hard to get much better," Saunders said. "We held our own."

Behind Saunders, junior Nelly Anderson finished 41st out of 180 runners with a time of 21:29. Freshman Michelle Beardmore finished 49th with a time of 21:49. Junior Tif-

fany Cross finished 56th with a time of 21:55, and Cynthia Dunham finished 93rd with a time of 22:40.

Duke beat North Carolina State, 71 to 75, to take the team title.

Saunders will compete at the National Championships in Indiana on Monday.

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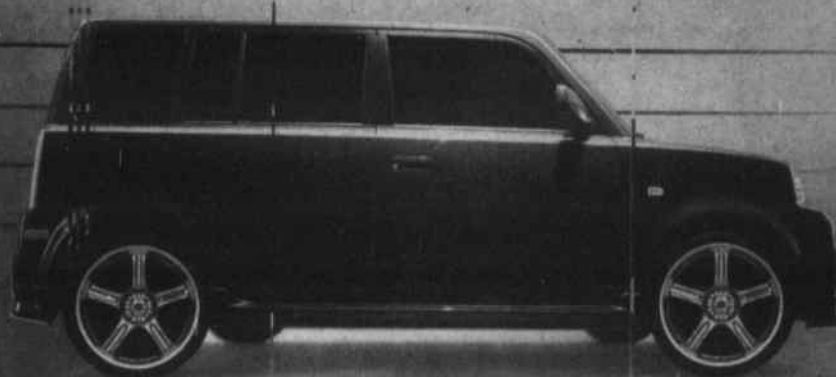
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# Uncharted Territory

*First generation college students share stories of their college endeavors*

Story by contributing writer Sarah Rababy • Graphics by art director Jenny Chanthapanya

Filling out college applications without the help of an experienced family member, or having a question about college that your parents and family just can't answer can be frustrating — even stifling to your motivation. Students who are the first in their family ever to venture off to college often are faced with such circumstances.

Sophomores Chris Schrack and Shame Brooks and freshman Michelle Shuman all had the privilege of being the first in their families to advance to higher education. All three students said the deciding factor to go to college was the chance to obtain a promising career.

Schrack, a media arts and design major, hopes to be a filmmaker. "I've done a few amateur productions in the past and I've developed a real passion for it," he said.

Brooks, an anthropology major, said, "I am interested in a job with the government — specifically the FBI or CIA — and my advisor told me I would attain the analytical and social skills suitable for a career with any of those departments."

Shuman, an interdisciplinary liberal studies major with a minor in special education said, "I volunteer in Staunton on Wednesday mornings to work with preschoolers with special needs. It's awesome. I'd like to do it as a profession."

Their family members were supportive and encouraging of their decision to go to college, though some took time to get used to it.

"At first, they were against it because they made out OK without going to college," Schrack said. "So they didn't really understand. But I convinced them it was a smart move."

For Brooks, his decision to go to college was triggered by a life-altering health concern.

"I had heart surgery in 10th grade of high school, which completely changed how I looked at things," Brooks said. "Before that, I was taking medicine that made me depressed

and not care about school and grades. So once I had surgery and got off the medicine, things turned around. I pulled up my grades and realized I was capable and should try to go to school somewhere, so I started looking into it around junior year."

Shuman knew for a while that college was her destination. "It's something I've always planned on," she said. "I've always known, even as a little girl."

The first day of college broke new ground for the families of Schrack, Brooks, and Shuman, but for them, it was just another day of school.

"I felt like I was in uncharted territory," Schrack said. "But I also felt like it wasn't a huge culture shock or anything."

Similarly, though Brooks felt that there were some necessary adjustments, the transition was not too rough. "I just felt like I should write down everything the professors said," Brooks said. "I wasn't nervous or anything. College isn't some weird planet — it's just a school two hours away from home."

Shuman's first college experiences were comparable to those of most her peers. "I was pretty nervous, but so was everyone else whose parents went to college, so I didn't really feel like I was different than anyone else," Shuman said. "It was a little confusing navigating my way around campus though."

Since they've been in college for over a year, they've enjoyed their experience.

"I like college," Schrack said. "It's what I expected — shallow guys, stupid girls, lots of drinking and lots of sex."

Brooks said, "I like how college is set up compared to high school. There's a lot more free time and only a couple classes a day."

Shuman added, "I love college. I am having the time of my life. I am completely satisfied with my experience."

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# VARIETY

## HOLIDAY FOOD: DRINKS

### Holiday drink recipes better than instant mix



By CARRIE TEICHERT  
contributing writer

As the last leaves fall and the temperature drops, a hot drink may be just the thing to warm up the season. After a long, cold, wintry day of classes, a great way to warm up and wind down is to prepare a delicious cup of peppermint hot chocolate or mulled cider. With finals around the corner, many of us will be in need of

a tasty alternative to our usual week-end beverage of choice. So instead of resorting to a pack of instant mix or facing the cold weather to get to the nearest coffee shop, have fun at home experimenting with new recipes that put a twist on the traditional drinks. These two holiday beverage recipes are excellent choices requiring minimal ingredients and preparation time, but are sure to offer maximum taste and warmth.

#### Peppermint Hot Chocolate

Source: Jackie Riley

1 1/2 cups heavy cream  
1 1/2 cups milk  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped  
3 drops peppermint oil  
Sweetened whipped cream, for garnish  
Chocolate shavings, for garnish

In a saucepan, combine the cream, milk, sugar and salt and heat over medium-low heat. When the cream mixture just begins to steam, add the chopped chocolate and stir until melted. Stir in the peppermint oil. Divide the hot chocolate among mugs and top with whipped cream and chocolate shavings.

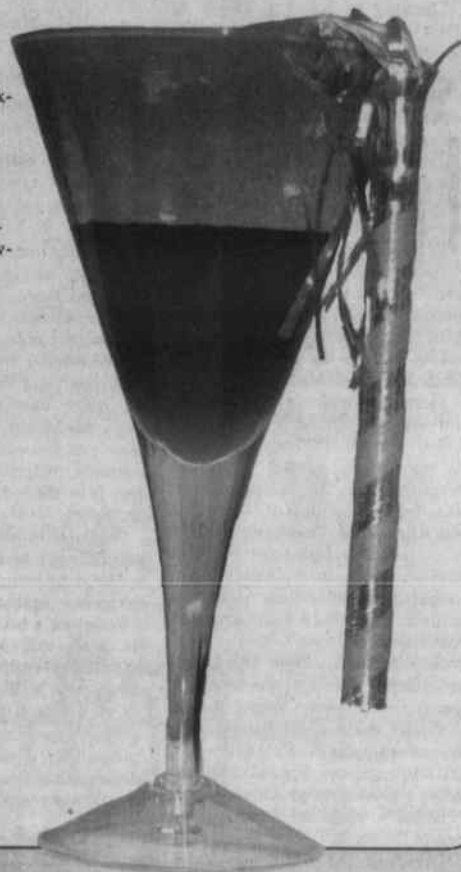
#### Mulled Cider

Source: Rachael Ray

1 quart fresh cider  
1 large cinnamon stick  
Zest of one lemon  
Sprinkle clove powder  
3 grates of fresh nutmeg

Combine all ingredients in saucepan. Bring to simmer. Strain and serve.

Be sure to try out these fun holiday drink recipes over Thanksgiving break.



## Preview

### Where

# Function meets Art

By NICOLE MARTORANA  
contributing writer

Zirkle House seems to be well known within JMU — as well as the surrounding Harrisonburg community — as a gallery exhibiting unique and inspiring shows. Select student artists, as well as featured work from graduates and professional artists, introduce a variety of mediums and topics through their collections.

On Monday, Nov. 22, Zirkle will be featuring work by senior Mark Pinnow, upperclassman Jeff Weis and graphics design students at JMU. The graphics design exhibit consists of a random sampling of work by students in the program, features various 2-D layouts and package design, said Sarah Boyts ('06), a graduate adviser for Zirkle House.

"I feel that all of the shows selected for this semester were very strong and really exhibit the wide variety of talent here at JMU," said Boyts. "To consistently be able to display student art work that is both exciting and thought provoking is quite refreshing."

Exhibits at Zirkle House are not just what is seen on the respective canvasses or in the sculptures displayed. Much of the spirit of Zirkle also is evident in the preparation for a show. "It's a great experience for me to learn the work that goes into setting up a show and everything that happens behind the scenes," junior Ann Cameron, a studio art major who works at Zirkle, said.

Pinnow's exhibit "will be mostly functional work," with pieces being constructed out of steel and sometimes stone, aluminum and brass, he said. His featured piece is a 6 feet high, 9 feet long and 3 feet wide chair that "mimics the feeling of laying in a hammock under a tree in winter looking up through the bare branches," Pinnow said. His show also will include at least one table, several floral lamps and an abstract piece "that explores motion, line interactions and balance as a means of meditation," he said.

Reflecting on his work and inspirations, Pinnow said, "my work is a product of creative release ... and my pieces usually have no more meaning than what the viewer wants to take from them. I am heavily influenced by nature, organic lines, and industrial materials ... I really like to challenge the dichotomy of natural forms in steel."

Interested in having a show at Zirkle House for the spring semester? Call x8-6869, or e-mail Cassie Ingram at [ingramac](mailto:ingramac).

## Murder, lust abundant in 'Blundy' novel

By ERIN WEIRETER  
staff writer

I sat with my legs tucked beneath me on the worn couch, slightly hidden from sight on the first floor of Carrier Library. Only my fingertips turning the book's pages interrupted the room's all-encompassing silence. Let me assure you, silence was the last thing I wanted when reading Julie Myerson's "Laura Blundy."

I haven't come across something that truly sent shivers down my spine in quite a while, but this book did just that. "Laura Blundy" was written with an unsettling nature that seeps through the pages with its descriptive language.

In early nineteenth century London, Laura is living on the streets after her father's death. She is run down by a carriage and hospitalized, after which a surgeon amputates her damaged leg. In a bizarre courtship that follows, the surgeon, Ewan, romances Laura and marries her.

Ewan, an awkward, socially inept man, is thrilled by the marriage and tries to make Laura a typical housewife — one who doesn't mind responsibilities and allows her husband to provide for her. Yet Laura, accustomed to taking care of herself for so many years on the streets, grows restless with this forced role and quickly rebels against it.

She begins an affair with the much younger Billy, which soon spirals into an obsession on her part. She becomes unable to distinguish from right and wrong. In a desperate effort to secure a life with Billy, Laura gruesomely murders her husband when he protests her leaving him.

This was the turning point in the novel. Before that, I thought Laura had been a victim — an innocent, crippled woman who was stuck in a hollow existence through no fault of her own. Yet her reaction to her husband's murder was incredibly disturbing. She was calm, relieved and seemed almost proud of what she had done. She applauded herself for being able to kill a stronger man. Laura seemed at once like a



calculating, cold-blooded murderer. Suddenly, reading this book all by myself in a dark corner of the library was a seriously creepy experience.

Following the murder, the rest of the book progresses between flashbacks to Laura's troubled past life and she and her lover's attempts to dispose of her husband's body. Prepare to be deeply unsettled here: A woman cannot suffer much more than Laura Blundy has. Her past will make you all the more appreciative of your own life, and maybe give you the slightest insight into how Laura is capable of such a horrific crime.

Myerson had a definite point to make when writing this novel. She created a character that was haunted by many things — her family, her decisions and her past — but still managed to survive on her own. In doing so, Myerson has created a frightening image of empowered femininity that crosses over into the dangerous territory of murder.

*I haven't come across something that truly sent shivers down my spine in quite a while, but this book did just that.*

When I finished the book, I had to catch my breath. It was intense, to say the least. There was brutality, but beneath it there was passion, as misunderstood as it may be. The book differed from anything I've ever read before, and I know the plot will stay with me for a long time. As much as I enjoyed this twisted, complex novel, I won't be twisting in the dark corridors of the library by myself anymore. Solitude is not my friend with reading material this terrifyingly engrossing.



# REEL | REFLECTIONS review

## 'Alexander' disappoints students in epic proportions

Excessive film length makes audiences restless

BY GEARY COX  
senior writer

Opening in Babylon, Persia, in 323 B.C., "Alexander" begins with the end of Alexander the Great's life. The film attempts the daunting task of fitting the 32-year life of the restless conqueror into a manageable size but fails — period.

From Alexander's promising youth to his mysterious death, the audience feels the weight of his empire, and the three-hour-long movie.

"Alexander was like Prometheus — he changed the world," says an aged Ptolemy (Anthony Hopkins, "The Human Stain") in the first few minutes of the film. Hopkins narrates the film, looking back to the earliest years of Alexander's life in Macedonia.

Here, the major players in the film are introduced — Alexander (Colin Farrell, "Phone Booth"), his mysterious mother Olympius (Angelina Jolie, "Tomb Raider") and his father, King Philip of Macedonia (Val Kilmer, "A License to Steal"). In the prince's formative years in Macedonia, we also meet the band of brothers who will follow Alexander on his 22,000-mile, 8-year campaign from Greece to India.

Skip forward a few years, and the audience arrives at the scorching deserts of Western Persia, where Alexander and his 40,000 troops square off against Darius, the King of Persia's, 200,000-plus troops. Instead of an epic battle scene, director Oliver Stone ("Platoon") presents a fragmented view of the battle.

Dividing the fight into three distinct flanks, Stone zooms in on hand-to-hand combat, or trails a hawk flying far above the battle below. The overhead view might be helpful in the pivotal battle, but from above, everyone is the same shade of desert brown.

Alexander vanquishes the Persian forces and gains control of the vast Persian Empire, but he doesn't stop in Babylonia. The film follows the

Macedonian forces to the Hindu Kush and down into India. It is here that, like Alexander's armies, the audience became restless.

Stone spends more time covering Alexander's campaigns in the Near East and India than he does the major battles Alexander won along the Mediterranean Sea. Three hours is a sizeable chunk of time for a motion picture and Stone squanders it in the tedium of the Indian campaigns.

Without revealing the end — you will just have to endure the film yourself — Alexander returns to Babylonia with visions of an Arabian conquest. The film is, to be sure, a bold, honest look at the life of the military commander who controlled over two million square miles at the time of his death.

For a man who accomplished so much in previous movies, Stone's epic telling doesn't do Alexander justice. Where is a History Channel documentary when you need it?

"Alexander"

**Starring:**  
Colin Farrell,  
Angelina Jolie  
**Running time:**  
173 minutes  
**Rated:** R

### Movie REVIEW KEY

- ★★★★★ Go directly to the theater and see this masterpiece.
- ★★★★ Great movie. Worth the steep ticket price.
- ★★★ Wait for the movie to play at Graton-Stovall.
- ★★ Should have been released straight to video.
- ★ Who approved the making of this film?

## Preview Students to perform in dance concert

BY COREY NELSON  
contributing writer

From graceful pirouettes to inventive, modern movements, this year's Student Dance Concert should please every palette.

The Dance program at JMU offers a variety of dance forms including ballet, jazz, modern and more.

The dance program is designed to develop each student's abilities as a performer, choreographer and movement instructor.

This concert is "an eclectic and diverse range of dance presented by the Associate Ensemble (the JMU freshman company) and student choreographers who

have auditioned their work to be a part of the concert," said Miller-Corso.

Theatre and dance professor Suzanne Miller-Corso teaches a variety of dance forms at JMU, as well as jazz, musical theatre and tap classes.

She also has performed with jazz and modern dance companies both in Maryland and Colorado.

In addition, her choreography has been presented both on the East and West Coasts, including Maryland, Colorado and Virginia.

Many concerts will be held throughout the year to showcase the talents of the various members

of the dance ensemble, but the student dance concert is a dance program favorite. The Associate Ensemble, the JMU freshman company, and student choreographers will present a diverse of solo pieces and group.

"I go to the show every year," senior Kelly Koerber said. "It seems a little rough around the edges, but it shows the new dancers and you get to see them improve. They work very hard on this show."

The performance will be held in Godwin Hall, room 355 Nov. 18 and 19 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door. Admission is \$6 for general admission, \$3 with JAC card.

## Violence interrupts Vibe Awards, police search for Young Buck for alleged stabbing

BY RYAN PEARSON  
Associated Press

Police were searching for rapper Young Buck in connection with a stabbing at the Vibe Awards, an assault apparently sparked when Buck's musical mentor, Dr. Dre, was punched just before being handed a lifetime achievement award.

Buck fled the Santa Monica airport hangar where the awards show was being taped Monday night, police Lt. Frank Fabrega said in a statement. A warrant was being prepared alleging assault with a deadly weapon.

The incident was sparked as Snoop Dogg and Vibe magazine founder Quincy Jones were about to give Dre a lifetime achievement award.

A man later identified as Jimmy James Johnson approached Dre, who was seated at a table in front of the stage, and appeared to ask for an autograph before punching the veteran hitmaker, police said.

People began shouting, chairs were thrown and punches flew. Some in the audience of about 1,000 scurried for the exits. Alicia Keys, the night's top winner with awards for artist of the year and best R&B song, was among those who fled.

Johnson was dragged away by

security staff, but then suffered a serious stab wound when he was attacked by a number of people, including Buck, whose real name is David Darnell Brown, according to police. He is signed to Dr. Dre's record label as part of the G-Unit clique, which was named best group by the music magazine.

"Brown is clearly depicted (on videotape) as holding a knife after the assault and is one of a number of fight participants that was pepper-sprayed by officers in their attempt to stop this fight," Police Chief James Butts told a news conference. "We're asking Mr. David Darnell Brown to surrender himself to police."

Johnson, 26, was in stable condition at a hospital.

"It is unfortunate that an event so many people worked very hard to create has been tainted by the actions of a few individuals," Kenard Gibbs, president of Vibe, said in a statement.

Many in the constantly feuding rap community speculated that longtime Dre antagonist Suge Knight, who attended the awards, arranged for Dre to get punched. Suge and Dre started the legendary Death Row record label together in the late 1980s, then had a bitter separation over money and the violence that has

surrounded Knight during his 15 years in the music business.

Knight denied any involvement in the attack on Dre.

"One thing about me, if I do something, I'm (taking responsibility)," Knight told reporters after the show. "I'm not an idiot. See, an idiot would go out there and do stuff."

Buck, a native of Nashville, Tenn., is a member of superstar 50 Cent's G-Unit posse. He released his debut solo album, "Straight Outta Ca\$hville," in August, and it debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard charts.

For those who listen to Buck and G-Unit's hardcore rhymes, it's no surprise that Buck would spring to the defense of his godfather Dre, one of the architects of gangsta rap. Although there were metal detectors at the door, performers aren't typically searched when they enter an awards show.

It wasn't the first hip-hop awards show to be interrupted by violence: The 2000 Source Awards were marred by fights — and then got their highest TV ratings ever.

After the Vibe fracas was squelched Monday night, the taping continued. The show, broadcast Tuesday night on UPN, was seamlessly edited to remove any trace of the attack.

## Relationship books encourage couples to read between lines

BY JANE YU  
contributing writer

In the renowned romance novel, "Anna Karenina," Leo Tolstoy wrote, "If there are as many minds as there are heads, then there are as many kinds of love as there are hearts."

Books on love have come a long way since Tolstoy. Most people have seen the numerous self-help relationship books stacked on the shelves of Barnes and Noble and the University Bookstore. Their colorful spines display alluring titles such as "Find a Husband after 35," "True Love (And Other Lies)," "I Used to Miss Him but my Aim is Improving" and the currently popular, "He's Just Not That Into You."

If Tolstoy is right about the many



different kinds of love, can these books really teach us meaningful information about a subject so personal and unique? If you think these books might be beneficial, how can you sort through hundreds of titles to find one that's right for you?

Students have mixed views about these self-help books.

"I've never read any before, and there's been situations where I

needed advice, but I turned to my friends instead," sophomore Nina Perazzoli said. "If I were to read one, the book would have to be really specific. I'd take what they say with a grain of salt — I wouldn't apply it to my relationship and use it to solve my problems. I would just skim through to get ideas, it would be my last resort."

However, senior Ben Russell

believes "the right book can really make a difference in your relationship." Russell read "His Needs, Her Needs" by Willard F. Harley Jr. and found it extremely insightful — especially the small tests for each partner which are designed to help both people better understand each other's needs.

Dr. Peter Sheras, clinical psychologist and a speaker at the GetS.M.A.R.T. (Skills Make Adult Relationships Thrive) program at JMU believes the right book can make all the difference in a relationship.

"What drives you to buy a book is that you want to make things better," Sheras said. "And if you're in that place, you're going to make things better."

Sheras recommends books that

are humorous and easy to read, such as John Gray's "Mars and Venus" collection, and "He Says, She Says" by Deborah Tannen.

However, Sheras also warns that books are not a cure-all — some problems can't be helped or fixed with a book.

"Physical abuse, sexual abuse, problems with drugs or alcohol are more serious and should be treated professionally," Sheras said.

He also said how effective the use of books is in a relationship depends on the intent of the individual.

"The difficult thing is if somebody buys a book to fix someone else. The implication there is that you're saying, 'It's your problem and not mine.' The best thing is to read a book together."

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